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NOTE:

(1) The Convention actions, that is, those voted by both chambers, are marked with a "J" followed by a number. This indicates the number as it will appear in the Japanese Minutes. Actions not so marked are to be considered actions of the Mission only.

(2) The number of the Session at which an action was taken has in most cases been indicated either at the head of a page or after an individual action. This is to facilitate reference to the Program and Resume of Business, in which the business sessions are correspondingly numbered.

(3) The Convention and Mission actions have been classified with reference to the channels through which the resolutions or motions were introduced, and are for the most part in chronological order within these divisions, though not in chronological order taken as a whole.

Program and Resume of Business.

TENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION
of the
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN JAPAN.

Kumamoto, Kyushu, Japan.
May 3—7, 1929.

Friday, May 3rd.

3:30- 5:30 P.M. Opening service of Convention (Suido Cho Church).
Officiating Minister: Rev. K. Takimoto (President Nenkwai).
Convention Sermon: Dr. L. S. G. Miller (President Mission).

6:00- 7:30 P.M. Welcome Supper (Kyushu Gakuin Dining Room).

8:00-11:00 P.M. First Session of Joint Ministerium (Kyushu Gakuin Chapel).

Saturday, May 4th.

8:30- 9:00 A.M. Devotional Services—Rev. J. M. T. Winther.

9:00-12:00 A.M. **First Business Session.**

Meeting called to order by the President, Dr. L. S. G. Miller. Announcements as to local arrangements, etc.

Roll call: All missionaries on the field responded, as follows:—J. M. T. Winther, L. S. G. Miller, E. T. Horn, Miss Martha Akard, John K. Linn, S. O. Thorlaksson, D. G. M. Bach, C. E. Norman, Miss Maud Powlas, Miss Annie Powlas, G. W. Schillinger, A. C. Knudten, Miss Marion Potts, Miss Helen Shirk, F. W. Heins, Miss Faith Lippard, Miss Amy Thoren, Miss Grace Beers, Miss Martha Harder. Non-voting members present: Miss Helene Harder, Miss Mary Heltibridle, Miss Maya Winther.

The President called attention to the presence of Mrs. Maggie V. Powlas, mother of Misses Maud and Annie Powlas, and a friend and faithful supporter of the Japan Mission from its beginning; and on motion the Mission voted to assure her of a welcome and to extend to her the privilege of the floor.

The Convention Program was approved as submitted by the Joint Executive Committee, though some minor readjustments were made in the course of the Convention.

The President appointed the following Convention Committees:

1. Joint Business Committee: A. C. Knudten and F. W. Heins.
2. Committee on Educational Reports and Church Paper; J. M. T. Winther, Miss Beers, Miss A. Powlas, Miss M. Harder, S. O. Thorlaksson.
3. Committee on President's Report, New Business, and Nominations: E. T. Horn, Miss Akard, Miss M. Powlas, Miss Shirk, G. W. Schillinger.
4. Committee on Evangelism, Women's Work, and Eleemosynary Reports: C. E. Norman, Miss Potts, Miss Lippard, Miss Thoren, D. G. M. Bach.

The President then called for the Joint Executive and Mission Executive Committee reports on actions taken ad interim. By common consent the full reading of the reports was dispensed with in view of the fact that the actions had previously been reported to the members of the Mission by mail. So only the item headings were read except where a full reading was called for or explanation asked. Both reports were adopted.

It was voted to send to the Japanese Chamber the following greeting: The Mission Chamber of the Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church assembled at Kumamoto for the 10th Annual Convention of this body begs leave to extend to the Japanese Chamber most cordial and friendly greetings together with renewed assurances of continued loyalty to our mutual high aim, namely, the salvation of souls through the exaltation of the Name of Christ and the extension of His Kingdom in this land.

The following reports were read and referred to the proper committees:

President's Report—L. S. G. Miller.
Theological Seminary—John K. Linn.
Kyushu Gakuin—L. S. G. Miller. Supplement by G. W. Schillinger.
Kyushu Jogakuin—Miss Martha Akard.
Church Paper (Ruteru)—D. G. M. Bach.
Newspaper Evangelism (Shinseikwan)—D. G. M. Bach.

On motion from the floor the following was voted:
"That we request the authorities at our two schools and at the Ji-Ai-En to arrange a demonstration visit to their respective institutions for the benefit of the Convention members."

Adjourned at noon with prayer by John K. Linn.

2:00- 2:15 P.M. Devotional Services—Miss Martha Harder.

2:15- 5:00 P.M. **Second Business Session.**

The following reports were read and referred to the proper committees:

Colony of Mercy (Ji-Ai-En)—Miss Maud Powlas.
Tokyo Relief Work—Miss Grace Beers.
Joint Evangelistic Committee—D. G. M. Bach.
Women's Work Committee—Miss Martha Akard.
Joint Sunday School Committee—S. O. Thorlaksson.
Joint Literature Committee—C. E. Norman.
Constitution Revision Committee—L. S. G. Miller.
Higher Education Committee—L. S. G. Miller.
Kumamoto Field—D. G. M. Bach.
Kurume Field—J. M. T. Winther.
Saga Field—F.W. Heins, Misses Lippard and Thoren.
Fukuoka and North Kyushu Fields—C. E. Norman and Miss Shirk.
Kobe and Central Japan Fields—S. O. Thorlaksson.
Nagoya Field—A. C. Knudten.
Tokyo Field—E. T. Horn.
Furniture Committee—Miss Potts.
Publicity Committee—F. W. Heins.
Statistical Report—F. W. Heins.
Report on Women's Convention in America—Miss Shirk.

In view of the fact that the Acting President of the Semi-

nary (John K. Linn) was a member of the Joint Executive Committee, whose duty it was to nominate a new President to succeed Mr. Nielsen, in order to relieve Mr. Linn of embarrassment in the matter, and at the same time to insure the Mission's having a full representation, the Joint Executive Committee requested the Mission to elect a substitute for the purpose of voting on this one matter.

C. E. Norman was chosen by ballot.

The Business Committee reported that the Japanese Chamber had reciprocated the greetings extended to them by the Mission.

An invitation was received from the Ji-Ai-En to visit that institution the following afternoon at four o'clock.

Adjournment with prayer.

7:30 P.M. Meetings of Convention Committees.

Sunday, May 5th.

10:00-12:00 A.M. Service and Holy Communion (Kyushu Gakuin Chapel).
Officiating Minister—H. Aoyama.
Ordination Sermon—T. Yonemura.
Ordination Service—J. M. T. Winther (Pres. Joint Ministerium).
Communion Service—S. Takashima, Officiating, assisted by C. E. Norman and A. Muto.

2:30- 3:00 P.M. Brief Special Meetings of District Conferences.

4:00 P.M. Visitation of Ji-Ai-En.

7:30- 9:30 P.M. Special Evangelistic Services (Suido Cho Church). Sermon by Rev. S. Takashima.

Monday, May 6th.

8:30- 9:00 A.M. Devotional Services—Miss Maud Powlas.

9:00-12:00 A.M. **Third Business Session.**

On request from the Joint Ministerium it was voted to change the time of the night meeting so as to make room for a special meeting of the Ministerium at 9:00 o'clock.

Report of Joint Executive Committee Recommendations. (See Part 5 for actions as adopted).

Report of Committee on President's Report, New Business and Nominations.
Greetings to the Mission from Dr. S. Toyama, representing Kyushu Gakuin.
Report of Committee on Evangelism, Women's Work, and Eleemosynary Reports.
Adjournment with prayer.

2:00- 2:15 P.M. Devotional Services—John K. Linn.

2:15- 5:00 P.M. **Fourth Business Session.**

Election of Officers. (For results of election see Part 2 of these Minutes).
Business Committee Report of Actions from Japanese Chamber.
Joint Executive Committee Recommendations Reported.
Adjourned on motion to meet again at 7:00 P.M.

7:00- 7:15 P.M. Devotional Services—Miss Heltibridle.

7:15- 8:45 P.M. **Fifth Business Session.**

Report of Committee on Educational Reports and Church Paper.
Report of Business Committee.
Report of Committee on Nominations, etc.
Adjournment with prayer.

9:00-10:00 P.M. Second Session of Joint Ministerium (Suido Cho Church).

Tuesday, May 7th.

8:30- 9:15 A.M. Memorial Service for Mrs. Nielsen.

Conducted by C. E. Norman, with contributions by several other members of the Mission.

9:15-12:00 A.M. **Sixth Business Session.**

New Business Committee Supplementary Report.
Report of Joint Executive Committee Recommendations.
Recommendations from Mission Executive Committee.
Business Committee Report.
Adjournment with prayer to meet at 2:30 P.M.

2:30- 4:30 P.M. **Seventh Business Session.**

Meeting opened with prayer by F. W. Heins.
Final action on locations, in concurrence with the final

action of the Japanese Chamber.
Report of Treasurer on Convention Budget approved as submitted.
Business Committee Report.
Reading of Board letter of April 9, 1929.
Report of Canadian Academy Representatives.
Report of Language Student's Advisor.
Report of American School Board Member.
Report of Delegate to National Christian Council.
Appointment of Pension Rules and Prayer Cycle Committees.
New Business Committee Supplementary Report.
Report of Treasurer on Church Paper Budget.
Voted to approve of Yen 700. as Mission part.
Adjournment at 4:30 to hold joint closing service with Japanese, and to meet in Special Mission Session at Miller's house at 7:00 o'clock.

7:00-10:00 P.M. **Special Mission Session.**

Meeting opened with prayer by G. W. Schillinger.
Business and Discussion.
Final Adjournment at 10:00 P.M. with devotional services conducted by the President, L. S. G. Miller.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES.

For 1929—1930.

Mission.

Pres.: Dr. L. S. G. Miller.
Vice Pres.: Dr. E. T. Horn.
Sec.: Rev. John K. Linn.
Treas.: Rev. C. E. Norman.

Nenkwai.

Pres.: Rev. K. Takimoto.
Vice Pres.: Rev. I. Miura.
Sec.: Rev. D. Honda.
Treas.: Rev. H. Aoyama.

Mission Executive Comittee.

The four Officers and
Miss Martha B. Akard.

Joint Executive Committee.

Rev. K. Takimoto, Chairman.
Rev. I. Miura, Jap. Sec.
Rev. John K. Linn, Eng. Sec.
Dr. L. S. G. Miller.
Rev. D. Honda.
Dr. E. T. Horn.

OFFICERS OF THE JOINT MINISTERIUM.

President: Rev. T. Yonemura.
Secretaries: Rev. D. Honda and Rev. John K. Linn.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Rev. J. M. T. Winther.
Dr. L. S. G. Miller.
Rev. K. Takimoto.
Rev. H. Inadomi.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Dr. E. T. Horn, Chairman.
Rev. C. E. Norman.
Rev. A. C. Knudten.

JOINT EVANGELISTIC COMMITTEE.

Rev. D. G. M. Bach.
Rev. A. C. Knudten.
Rev. H. Inadomi.
Rev. R. Ishimatsu.

JOINT LITERATURE COMMITTEE.

Dr. E. T. Horn.
Rev. C. E. Norman.
Rev. K. Hirai.
Rev. S. Okuma.

JOINT SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Rev. S. O. Thorlaksson.
Rev. T. Tsuboike.

EDITORS OF RUTERU.

Rev. J. M. T. Winther.
Rev. S. Tominaga.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON PENSION RULES.

Rev. John K. Linn.
Dr. E. T. Horn.
Rev. I. Miura.
Mr. Takashi Tsuboike.

MISSION COMMITTEE TO STUDY PENSION RULES.

Rev. J. M. T. Winther.
Rev. C. E. Norman.
Dr. L. S. G. Miller.

PRAYER CYCLE COMMITTEE.

Rev. A. C. Knudten.
Rev. K. Hirai.

JOINT CONSTITUTION REVISION COMMITTEE.

Dr. L. S. G. Miller.
Rev. J. M. T. Winther.
Rev. John K. Linn.
Rev. C. E. Norman.
Dr. E. T. Horn.
Rev. T. Chiga.
Rev. I. Miura.
Rev. D. Honda.
Rev. H. Inadomi.
Mr. T. Tsuboike.

STATISTICIANS.

Rev. F. W. Heins.
Rev. S. Tominaga.

DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CHRISTIAN COUNCIL.

Rev. John K. Linn.
Rev. K. Takimoto.

DELEGATES TO FEDERATION OF CHRISTIAN MISSIONS.—1929.

Principals	Alternates
Rev. J. M. T. Winther.	Rev. A. C. Knudten.
Miss Maude Powlas.	Miss Helen Shirk.
Rev. G. W. Schillinger.	Rev. F. W. Heins.
Dr. L. S. G. Miller.	Rev. S. O. Thorlaksson.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION.

Dr. L. S. G. Miller.
Miss Marion Potts.
Rev. John K. Linn.
Rev. H. Inadomi.
Prof. J. Murakami.
Rev. I. Miura.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISTIC LIBRARY.

Rev. D. G. M. Bach.
Rev. S. Tominaga.

WOMEN'S WORK COMMITTEE.

Miss Helen Shirk, Chairman.
Miss Martha Akard.
Miss Grace Beers.
Dr. L. S. G. Miller, ex officio.

JI-AI-EN COMMITTEE.

Miss Maude Powlas.
Dr. L. S. G. Miller.
Mrs. G. W. Schillinger.

TOKYO SOCIAL SERVICE COMMITTEE.

Dr. E. T. Horn, Chairman.
Miss Grace Beers.
Rev. John K. Linn.
Rev. D. Honda.
Rev. I. Miura.

(N.B.—Personnel of this committee subject to change in the fall).

MEMBER NATIONAL S.S. ASSOCIATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Rev. S. O. Thorlaksson.

COMMITTEE ON NEWSPAPER EVANGELISM.

Rev. G. W. Schillinger.
Rev. C. E. Norman (Manager), ex officio.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE.

Rev. S. O. Thorlaksson.
Rev. C. E. Norman.
Rev. F. W. Heins.

FURNITURE COMMITTEE.

Rev. F. W. Heins.
Mrs. S. O. Thorlaksson.
Rev. G. W. Schillinger.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE.

Rev. A. C. Knudten.
Miss Faith Lippard.

AUDITORS.

Rev. D. G. M. Bach.
Rev. F. W. Heins.

REPRESENTATIVES, ADVISORY BOARD CANADIAN ACADEMY.

Rev. S. O. Thorlaksson.
Rev. C. W. Hepner.

REPRESENTATIVE, AMERICAN SCHOOL BOARD.

Dr. E. T. Horn.

KYUSHU GAKUIN (and Seminary) BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Rev. C. E. Norman, President.
Dr. S. Toyama, ex officio.
Dr. L. S. G. Miller, ex officio.
Dr. E. T. Horn, ex officio.
Rev. K. Takimoto.
Dr. Tokunaga.
Rev. D. G. M. Bach.

KYUSHU JOGAKUIN BOARD.

Rev. I. Miura, Chairman.
Miss Martha Akard, ex officio.
Prof. J. Murakami, ex officio.
Rev. S. O. Thorlaksson.
Rev. John K. Linn.
Miss Marion Potts.

ROSTER OF PASTORS, EVENGELISTS, TEACHERS, AND OTHER WORKERS.

TOKYO:
Tokyo Church—Rev. D. Honda. Pastor.
Mrs. C. Hayashi, Woman Evangelist.
Ebara Church— Mr. K. Matsuoka, Evangelist.
Theological Seminary–
Rev. S. Sato, Professor.
Rev. I. Miura, Professor.
Mr. N. Asaji, Professor.
Old People's Home—
Miss C. Matsunaga, Matron.
Bethany Home— Mrs. K. Mamiya, Matron.
NAGOYA: Rev. K. Hirai, Pastor.
KYOTO: Rev. T. Yonemura, Pastor.
OSAKA:
Osaka Church— Rev. K. Takimoto, Pastor.
West Osaka— Rev. T. Tsuboike, Pastor.
KOBE: Rev. H. Aoyama, Pastor.
HIROSHIMA: Rev. S. Okuma, Pastor.
SHIMONOSEKI: Rev. Y. Yoshida, Pastor.
MOJI: Mr. S. Kawagiri, Evangelist.
YAWATA: Rev. T. Kawase, Pastor.
NAOGATA: Rev. S. Takashima, Pastor.
FUKUOKA: Mr. R. Yamauchi, Evangelist.
Miss Taeko Kondo, Kindergarten Teacher.
Miss Shigeru Yamasaki, Kindergarten Teacher.
Miss Y. Shiraishi, Kindergarten Teacher.
Miss F. Akimoto, Woman Evangelist.
KURUME:
Kurume Church–Rev. C. Kishi, Pastor.
Rural Field— Mr. Y. Takase, Evangelist.
Miss Yasu Kondo, Kindergarten Teacher.
Miss Mori, Kindergarten.
Miss Yoshi Ashida, Kindergarten.
AMAGI: Rev. N. Washiyama, Pastor.
HITA: Mr. S. Fukuyama, Evangelist.
SAGA: Rev. K. Watanabe, Pastor.
Miss Katsuki, Kindergarten Teacher.
Miss K. Fukuyama, Kindergarten Teacher.

OGI: Miss Cho Inui, Woman Evangelist.
Miss Masa Matsuoka, Kindergarten Teacher.
Miss Nagamura, Kindergarten Teacher.
KARATSU: Rev. T. Wasa, Pastor.
OMUTA: Rev. A. Muto, Pastor.
KUMAMOTO:
City Church— Rev. R. Ishimatsu, Pastor.
Rural Field— Rev. S. Tominaga, Pastor.
Kyushu Gakuin—Dr. S. Toyama, Principal.
Rev. H. Inadomi, Pastor K. G. Church.
Rev. K. Kosaka, Teacher and Assistant in Religious Instruction.
Kyushu Jogakuin—
Mr. J. Murakami, Head Teacher.
Colony of Mercy—
Mrs. M. Nonaka, Woman Evangelist and Asst.
Mrs. M. Hatanaka, Helper Old People's Home.
Mrs. M. Kinoshita, Matron Children's Home.
Miss I. Kawakami, Matron Children's Home.
Miss I. Yoshihara, Nurse.
Mrs. T. Ide, Matron Children's Home.
Mrs. U. Saito, Helper Children's Home.
MINAMATA: Rev. H. Ouchi, Pastor.
Miscellaneous:
On Leave of Absence—
Rev. T. Chiga, Pastor.
Rev. N. Iwanaga, Pastor.
Under Temporary Appointment (pending military service)—
Nagoya: Mr. Y. Sakai, Evangelist.
Osaka: Mr. S. Aoyama, Evangelist.

(Note: An ordained man is designated "pastor"; an unordained one "evangelist").

ROSTER OF MISSIONARIES

(With date of first arrival in Japan, and present address)

Rev. J. M. T. Winther, (1898) 35 Nichome, Kushihara Machi, Kurume.
Rev. C. K. Lippard, D. D. (1900) On Furlough.
Rev. A. J. Stirewalt (1905) 303 Hyakunin Machi, Okubo, Tokyo.
Rev. L. S. G. Miller, D.D. (1907) Kyushu Gakuin, Kumamoto.
Rev. Edward T. Horn, D.D. (1911) 921 Shimosaginomiya, Nogata Machi, Tokyo.
Rev. C. W. Hepner (1912) Osaka after furlough.
Miss Martha Akard (1913) Kyushu Jogakuin, Kumamoto.
Rev. John K. Linn (1915) 487 Asagaya, Tokyo.
Rev. S. O. Thorlaksson (1916) 575 Ueno, Nishi Nada Mura, Kobe.
Rev. D. G. M. Bach (1916) 388 Shinyashiki Cho, Kumamoto.
Rev. C. E. Norman (1917) 15 Gokurakuji Cho, Fukuoka.
Miss Maud Powlas (1918) Ji Ai En, Kengun Mura, Kumamoto.
Miss Annie Powlas (1919) On furlough from fall of 1929.
Rev. G. W. Schillinger (1920) Kyushu Gakuin, Kumamoto.
Rev. A. C. Knudten (1920) 258 Motokoi, Chikusa, Nagoya.
Miss Marion Potts, (1921) Kyushu Jogakuin, Kumamoto.
Miss Helen Shirk (1922) 337 Haruyoshi, 3 Chome, Fukuoka.
Rev. J. Arthur Linn (1922) Moji after furlough.
Rev. F. W. Heins (1924) 175 Nakanohashi Koji, Saga.
Miss Faith Lippard (1925) Ogi Machi, Saga Ken.
Miss Amy Thoren (1925) On furlough from July, 1929.
Miss Grace Beers (1926) Ji Ai En, Kengun Mura, Kumamoto.
Miss Martha Harder (1926) Kyushu Jogakuin, Kumamoto.
Miss Helene Harder (1927) Bunka Apartments, Hongo, Tokyo.
Miss Mary Heltibridle (1927) Ji Ai En, Kengun Mura, Kumamoto.
Miss Maya Winther (1928) Ogi Machi, Saga Ken.

In Memoriam

Mrs. J. P. Nielsen

REPORT OF JOINT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The following are actions taken ad interim by the Joint Executive Committee:

1. **Tsuboike Loan.** Voted that Rev. T. Tsuboike be granted a loan of Yen 120.00 from the Pastors' Aid Fund, same to be returned at the rate of Yen 10.00 per month, beginning with July, 1928.

2. **Honda—America.** Voted that in view of the fact that it is desirable to have the pastor on the ground soon after the building of a church, we approve of a postponement of Rev. Honda's going to America, on condition of his consent to such a proposal, and that in order to enable him to go at a later time without additional expense to himself, he be granted a special allowance of Yen 250.00 at such time as he may need it for this purpose. (Note: Inasmuch as Mr. Honda did not agree to this proposal, the action does not stand).

3. **Students' Summer Work.** The appointments of theological students to summer work were made upon recommendation of the Seminary Faculty as follows:

Tokyo—Okubo Church .....Yamauchi Rokuro.
Tokyo—Nakano Kogisho .....Takei Seigo.
Kobe ..... Aoyama Shiro.
Saga ..... Takase Yoshitada.
Karatsu ..... Sakai Yoshio.
Kurume—Rural Field ..... Utsumi Sueaki.

4. **Eastern Conference Expenses.** Voted to approve of the payment of the expenses of the Eastern District Conference, held at Tokyo, June 3-4, out of the balance of the budget at the end of the fiscal year in June.

5. **Budget Readjustment.** Voted to approve of the changes in the Evangelistic Budget proposed by the Mission Finance Committee to meet the requirements of the Mission Board, giving a total reduction of Yen 1871.06.

6. **Okuma Leave of Absence.** Voted, in view of the illness of Rev. S. Okuma, that he be granted a period of three months for rest before taking up work at Hiroshima.

7. **Miura—Tokyo Church.** Voted that in the absence of an ordained man, due to the fact that both pastor and missionary are away, Rev. I. Miura be asked to assume responsibility as pastor in

charge of the Tokyo Church until Rev. Mr. Honda returns from America.

8. **Washiyama Loan.** Voted to grant to Rev. N. Washiyama a loan of Yen 200.00 from the Pastors' Aid Fund, same to be refunded at the rate of Yen 15.00 per month from August, 1928.

9. **Special Evangelistic Campaign.** The matter of plans for special evangelistic efforts in commemoration of the forthcoming coronation having been submitted by the recent Convention to the Joint Evangelistic Committee in conjunction with the Joint Executive Committee; and the former committee having sent in concrete proposals, the Joint Executive Committee took action with reference to them as follows:

(1). That we approve of the proposal to hold an inspirational meeting (Shuyo kwai) in connection with the next Convention.

(2). That in place of the proposed three year program, we approve of limiting the extension of the present plan to the spring of 1929, leaving the development of subsequent plans to the incoming Evangelistic Committee.

(3). The Evangelistic Committee proposed the following speakers for this fall: Eastern Division—Takimoto; Central Division—Miura; Western Division—Yonemura. The Executive Committee made the counter-proposal that the speakers be not limited to the three proposed, but that if necessary to meet the desires of the local churches, a number of other speakers be added to the list.

(4). Voted to approve of the proposal to publish some special tracts or pamphlets to be used in connection with this campaign.

In addition to taking action on the above proposals of the Evangelistic Committee, the Joint Executive Committee voted the following:

a. That an attempt be made to rouse interest and zeal in the local churches by asking them to take part, as far as possible, in the making and the carrying out of the plans for work.

b. That all the members of the local churches as well as the pastors and evangelists be urged to put forth special effort in the work of evangelization.

c. That as a special effort in commemoration of the coronation the churches be urged to try to put into effect the action of the recent Convention with reference to the establishment of self-supporting churches.

For purposes of convenience in this connection, the Executive Committee proposes a division of the churches into three classes, this division to be finally established after the Evangelistic Committee has gone over and studied the matter on the basis of statistics covering a number of years, this in order to ascertain the financial strength of the several churches and their relative growth.

The specific objectives for which the several classes of churches are asked to work are as follows:

1st Class—To become entirely self-supporting as soon as possible.

2nd Class—To become at least half self-supporting as a first step.

3rd Class—To try to qualify for and to bring about the organization of the bodies of believers into churches.

With this purpose in view it was proposed to ask all the churches to consider and study what steps should be taken, and to send without delay to the Chairman of the Evangelistic Committee concrete proposals with reference to time, methods, speakers, expenses, etc. The Evangelistic Committee was asked, insofar as may be consistent with a plan for unified and concerted action on the part of the church as a whole, to allow freedom in these matters to the local churches. The Evangelistic Committee is to be responsible for the carrying out of the plan as completed.

The tentative classification of the churches as proposed by the Joint Executive Committee is as follows:

1st Class—Tokyo (Okubo), Hakata, Kurume, Kumamoto, Kyushu Gakuin, Minamata.

2nd Class—Tokyo (Ebara), Kyoto, Osaka, Kobe, Shimonoseki, Naogata, Saga, Omuta.

3rd Class—Nagoya, Osaka (Fukushima), Hiroshima, Moji, Yawata, Kanezaki, Tosu, Ogi, Karatsu, Amagi, Hita.

10. Kobe Pastor. With reference to a request from the Kobe Church that Pastor Aoyama be allowed to continue in his present condition, it was decided to leave matters as voted by the Convention, Rev. Aoyama to go to Saga, and Rev. Watanabe to Kobe. (Note: However see later action of Kobe meeting of Committee.

11. Kobe Church Land. Voted to approve of the purchase of one good church lot in Kobe rather than divide the available funds for two lots as suggested, and to authorize Revs. Takimoto

and Miller to visit Kobe with power to act in the matter of the selection of a site in consultation jointly with the pastor, associated missionary, and members of the church.

12. **Hirai Loan.** With reference to Mr. Hirai's loan from the Mission Board, it was voted to allow him to do some outside teaching work until the amount of his indebtedness (Yen 206.00) has been refunded, it being understood that such work is not to interfere with his pastoral work, and that he is to discontinue it after the debt has been paid.

13. **Hirai Rent.** Voted to allow Evangelist Hirai up to Yen 30.00 per month for a separate residence at Nagoya, same to be taken from the item for incidentals in so far as it is not covered by funds in the local budget.

14. **Kyoto Repairs.** Voted, with reference to a request for roof repairs at the Kyoto Church, that this item be postponed and included in the next budget, and that for the present such amount be allowed as may be necessary for the part of the repairs that is absolutely imperative.

15. **Osaka Bible Woman.** In response to a request for a Bible woman for Osaka, it was voted to postpone the matter until there is definite prospect of being able to carry out such a plan, which at present appears to be impossible.

16. **Changing Locations.** Voted that hereafter in cases of changing or giving up locations of churches, preaching places, etc., the approval of the Joint Executive Committee or the Convention shall previously be obtained.

17. **Fukushima Location.** With reference to a request to be permitted to change the Fukushima preaching place to a more desirable location, it was voted to postpone definite action pending the possible finding of a suitable place in Fukushima, it being understood that if such is not forthcoming within a reasonable time a location may be sought in some other section of the city.

18. **Fukushima Budget.** Voted to approve of the following changes in the Fukushima budget: (a) Item for incidentals reduced from Yen 160. to Yen 40. (b) Item for Sunday School expenses increased from Yen 10. to Yen 30.

19. **Takami—Tosu.** Voted (on account of present adverse circumstances) to allow Evangelist Takami and his wife to remain as caretakers in the Tosu preaching place until the end of March, 1929, and to grant an allowance of Yen 15.00 per month for that time, same to be taken from the item for incidentals.

20. **Iwanaga—Tatami Repairs.** Voted to grant Rev. Iwanaga Yen 18.45 on account of 'tatami' repairs, same to be taken from the item for incidentals.

21. **Matsuoka Salary.** (Note: Due to an oversight this item was not included in the budget). Voted to provide for Evangelist Matsuoka salary at Yen 70.00 per month out of the item for New Work and Workers, and rent at Yen 10.00 per month out of the item for incidentals.

22. **Special Requests.** Voted to notify all concerned that already in the beginning of this fiscal year surplus funds in the budget are reduced to a minimum, and to urge that no requests be made for special grants unless absolutely imperative.

23. **Tokyo—Horn.** Voted that in the absence of the Tokyo Evangelistic Missionary, Rev. A. J. Stirewalt, Dr. E. T. Horn be asked to assume temporary responsibility for his work in addition to his own duties in connection with the work of the Seminary.

24. **Minamata Rent.** Voted to grant an increase of Yen 5.00 per month on account of Minamata Sunday School rent deficit, same to be taken from the item for incidentals.

25. **Kurume Parsonage.** Voted (in response to a request) that, on account of a lack of funds for building at present the Board be requested to allow the Mission to borrow Yen 3500. (more or less) to build a house of about 40 'tsubo' at about Yen 100. per 'tsubo', same to be refunded out of an allowance for rent to be included in the budget beginning next year.

26. **"Foreign Missionary" Contributions.** Voted to ask for contributions of articles by representative Japanese men and women of our Church for publication in the "Foreign Missionary"; and to ask Rev. I. Miura to be responsible for the receiving and forwarding of such contributions.

27. **Board Letters—Nenkwai.** Voted to ask the Mission Secretary to forward to the Secretary of the Nenkwai such items from the Board's letters as concern the Nenkwai, the Secretary of the Nenkwai to inform all members of that body.

28. **Shimonoseki Repairs.** Voted to allow Yen 250. for necessary repairs to the Shimonoseki Church: Roof repairs and painting, and wall repairs; same to be taken from the item for incidentals, other proposed repairs to be postponed until next year and included in the new budget.

29. **Next Convention.** Voted to hold the next annual Conven-

tion in the spring of 1929 in case the new constitution has been approved by the Board by that time, otherwise in the following fall; voted also that, in order to get the next budget to the Board at the required time, the Joint Executive Committee assume responsibility for its approval at its next meeting, which is to be held in the Kwansai District in January, 1929. (Note: See item 43 for later action).

30. **Nielsens and Grays.** Voted to send to Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Nielsen and to Rev. and Mrs. L. G. Gray in the name of the Chairman of the Joint Executive Committee a letter of appreciation of their services in Japan, together with an invitation to return to this work in case the opportunity should offer itself at some future time; and at the same time to offer an expression of our sympathy with reference to Mrs. Nielsen's present illness.

31. **Aoyama—Watanabe.** With reference to the Convention action in regard to the re-location of Revs. Aoyama and Watanabe, because of special circumstances it was voted to reserve until the next Convention the putting into effect of this action.

32. **North Kyushu—Norman.** Voted to approve of the furlough of Rev. J. A. Linn as from September of this year, rather than next year, on account of Mrs. Linn's illness; and to ask Rev. C. E. Norman to look after his work during the period of vacancy.

33. **Tomioka Resignation.** Voted to accept the resignation of Miss Tomioka as a teacher in the Ogi Kindergarten.

34. **Kawagiri Loan.** Voted to grant to Evangelist S. Kawagiri on account of his wedding expenses a loan of Yen 250.00 from the Pastors' Aid Fund, same to be refunded at the rate of Yen 10.00 per month from January, 1929 to January, 1931 inclusive.

35. **Tokyo Church Stoves.** Voted to grant to the Tokyo Church for heating equipment the sum of Yen 150.00 out of some suitable item in the General Budget.

36. **Miss Imai Transfer.** Voted to approve of transfer of Imai Michiko San from Saga Kindergarten to the Ji-Ai-En.

37. **Iwanaga Loan.** Voted to grant Rev. N. Iwanaga on account of medical expenses a loan of Yen 100. out of the Pastors' Aid Fund, same to be refunded at the rate of Yen 10. per month, beginning with January 1929.

38. **Okuma Loan.** Voted to grant to Rev. S. Okuma on account of medical expenses a loan of Yen 250. from the Pastors' Aid Fund, same to be refunded at the rate of Yen 10. per month beginning with January 1929.

39. **Matsuoka Loan.** Voted to grant to Evangelist K. Matsuoka on account of clothing a loan of Yen 50. from the Pastors' Aid Fund, same to be refunded at the rate of Yen 10. per month from January to May, 1929.

40. **Kurume Church Repairs.** Voted to grant to the Kurume Lutheran Church on account of roof repairs the sum of Yen 200.00 from the item for incidentals in the general budget.

41. **Osaka Parsonage Additional Appropriation.** The September, October, and November rent for the Osaka Church having been previously diverted to the parsonage building fund, and there being still a deficit remaining, it was voted to extend the time of this appropriation to include the December rent, thus postponing until January 1929 the refunding of money borrowed.

42. **Kobe Church Lot.** Revs. Takimoto and Miller, who at the previous meeting of the Committee, at Karuizawa, had been authorized to represent the Committee in the matter of the purchase of land for the Kobe Church, brought in a report to the effect that a lot of 240 'tsubo' had been bought at Nagata, Kobe, just back of the athletic ground of the Prefectural Middle School at a total cost of Yen 18,100. upon the following terms: an immediate payment of Yen 2000. as a deposit, with the remainder to be paid in full at the end of January, 1929, registration of the land to be made at that time. It was voted to approve of the action reported above.

43. **Next Convention.** Voted that in the interests of economy with reference to traveling expenses the next Convention should be held in Kumamoto, the time to be May 3-7, 1929, and the Convention program to be prepared by the Presidents and Secretaries of both chambers.

44. **Sunday School Committee.** The Sunday School Committee having asked for instructions as to the use of the special Sunday School collection of Sept. 16th last, amounting to Yen 41.89, the following action was taken: whereas the last Convention voted an appropriation of Yen 20. to be put with a donation of Yen 20. from Mr. Mikuriya to buy a memorial flag for Mrs. Cronk; and whereas, however, the actual cost including the price of printing postcards was Yen 110. which after deducting a total of Yen 45.50 in subscriptions. still leaves a deficit of Yen 64.50; and whereas there are still some unpaid amounts due from churches and from the sale of postcards which are not yet appropriated: it was voted to reply to the Sunday School Committee, instructing them to lump together the funds from these several sources, and, in case a deficit still remains, to pay it out of the above mentioned

special collection fund, using the remainder of that fund for the projected new work for which it was raised.

45. **Tosu Chapel.** It was decided on account of special circumstances to give up the house at Tosu until now rented for church purposes; to ask Evangelist Matsuoka to carry on work from Kurume until the next Convention; and to discontinue at the end of this month the allowance to Mr. Takami as caretaker at Tosu.

46. **West Osaka.** Voted on account of the change of location of the Fukushima work in Osaka to change the name of it to the West Osaka Chapel (Nihon Fukuin Ruteru Osaka Nishi Kogisho).

47. **Lutheran World Convention.** A letter addressed to President Takimoto of the Japanese Chamber having been received from Dr. John A. Morehead, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Lutheran World Convention, extending a very courteous and cordial invitation to the Lutheran Church in Japan to send two representatives, one Japanese pastor and one missionary, to the Second Lutheran World Convention, which is to meet in Copenhagen, Denmark, beginning June 26, 1929, and a letter to the same effect having come from Dr. George Drach, of the Foreign Mission Board, it was decided after due consideration by the Joint Executive Committee, to send such a delegation in the persons of Rev. Hajime Inadomi as the Japanese representative, and Rev. C. W. Hepner as the missionary representative. (Rev. A. J. Stirewalt was named as an alternate to Rev. Mr. Hepner in case he should be unable to go). With reference to Rev. Mr. Inadomi's travelling expenses, it was voted to request the several churches to make a free contribution of at least Yen 200. and also to allow about Yen 100. out of the current budget as a partial provision for this item.

For the above reason it was voted to grant to Rev. Mr. Inadomi a leave of absence from March to September of this year; to ask Rev. Mr. Kosaka and Evangelist Tominaga to be responsible for the work of Kyushu Gakuin Church in his absence; and to appoint Rev. D. Honda as Acting Secretary of the Nenkwai.

48. **Ordinations.** With reference to the applications of Messrs. Kiyoshi Hirai and Shunji Tominaga for ordination, referred to this Committee by the President of the Ministerium, after due consideration it was decided to approve of these two men as suitable candidates for ordination. However, in the case of both, as the necessary papers were incomplete in some points, it was decided to ask the President of the Ministerium to see to the securing of

the lacking parts. As for Mr. Chitose Kishi, although according to Section 103 of the Constitution, he is not qualified for ordination in point of time, in view of the fact that the Church he is serving has made application for recognition as a self-supporting Church, it was voted to express the desire that the Ministerium, acting under a provision in the Constitution, will recognize this as a special case, and so make a special recommendation of Mr. Kishi for ordination.

49. **Hirai Allowance.** Voted to continue for the present, and at the same rate, the special allowance to Mr. Kiyoshi Hirai on account of his younger brother, in case his brother succeeds in entering a school for higher education.

50. **Kyoto Church Extension.** Voted to include Yen 200. in next year's budget for an extension to the Kyoto Church Building.

51. **Kurume Church Independence.** The Kurume Church having made application for independence, the Committee after investigation being satisfied with the qualification and the actual ability of this congregation to take such a step, voted to make recommendation to the Convention to this effect. Furthermore, this Committee gives thanks to God for His abounding grace evidenced in the fact that the Kurume Church has taken the lead with a definite project in the realization of the long cherished desire for self-support which our Church has felt for many years. The Committee, while expressing its heartfelt joy with reference to this congregation at the same time wishes to express to all our churches the hope that they will put forth a strenuous effort and speedily bring about the accomplishment of self-support.

52. **Self-Support Encouragement.** Voted to ask President Takimoto to make use of the occasion presented by the Kurume Church's request for independence to specially urge such of our churches as have the possibility of doing so to take a similar step in the near future.

53. **Seminary Graduates.** Voted to grant the forthcoming graduates of our Seminary regular salary from April, but to leave the matter of their location until the Convention.

54. **New Constitution.** With reference to the letter of the Foreign Mission Board concerning the proposed new constitution, it was voted to ask the English Secretary to reply that we think the Board has misunderstood some points, and in particular to point out and explain the misunderstanding involved in the words in the Board's letter which read: "the principles and

agreement of 1927, adopted" etc.; also to ask the Board to state clearly and more fully the points about which they may have questions.

55. **Tokyo Relief Work Committee.** Acting upon a joint recommendation of Revs. Horn and Honda and Miss Beers, with reference to the two units of Relief Work in Tokyo, in view of the fact that the original character of this work has changed, it being now considered to be of a permanent nature, it was voted to appoint a committee of five, three missionaries and two Japanese, to act as a board of management for the two Homes. The committee was appointed as follows: Revs. Horn and Linn, Miss Beers, Revs. Honda and Miura. Rev. Horn, as Acting Superintendent was appointed Chairman.

56. **Hiroshima Supplementary Budget.** With reference to a request for a supplementary budget of Yen 260. for the Hiroshima work to make up the deficit remaining, after applying the balance of the former Toyohashi budget it was voted, in view of the present scarcity of funds, to grant Yen 200. only out of the current budget and to include the balance in the budget for next year.

57. **Nagoya Extension.** Acting upon a joint request from Messrs. Knud'en and Hirai, it was voted to approve of an appropriation of Yen 500. for an extension of evangelistic work in the Nagoya field including the additional rent which this entails, and to put an item for this amount into the budget for next year.

58. **Kurume Parsonage.** Voted to authorize the erection of the Kurume parsonage, and the borrowing for this purpose of a sum not to exceed Yen 3500.; and to put into the budget for next year an item of Yen 100. per month as rent, same to be used for the refunding of this indebtedness.

59. **Koller Greetings.** It was voted to authorize the English Secretary, in the name of the Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church, to address a cordial letter of greeting to Dr. Paul W. Koller, newly-appointed Executive Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, at the same time earnestly entreating him by all means to visit Japan either on his way to or on his return from the Lutheran World Convention at Copenhagen.

60. **Student Iseri.** Voted to approve the report of the Acting President of the Seminary with reference to action taken by the Seminary Faculty in the case of theological student Sadayasu Iseri.

61. **Miss Matsue Sakai.** Voted to approve the report of Miss Akard, Chairman of the Women's Work Committee, to the effect

that it would be necessary for Miss Matsue Sakai to remain out of school for the next school year.

62. **Evangelistic Budget.** After consideration of the recommendations brought in by the Finance Committee, it was voted to approve of an Evangelistic Budget of Yen 58,778. for the next fiscal year.

63. **Hirai Loan.** Voted to grant to Evangelist Kiyoshi Hirai on account of wedding expenses a loan of Yen 280. from the Pastors' Mutual Aid Fund, same to be returned at the rate of Yen 20.00 per month from May 1929 to October 1930.

64. **Chiga Sick Leave.** Voted with reference to the request from Pastor Chiga for a year's leave of absence, to leave the matter for final settlement until the coming Convention in May; to approve of his taking a sick leave until that time; and to entrust to Rev. C. E. Norman until the time of the Convention the responsibility for pastoral oversight, at the same time appointing as his assistant Aoyama Shiro San, this appointment to take effect immediately upon his graduation from the Seminary.

65. **Chiga Loan.** Voted, in accordance with a request from Pastor Chiga, to grant him a loan of Yen 600.00 from the Pastors' Mutual Aid Fund, same to be returned at the rate of Yen 55. per month from May 1929 until the whole amount has been paid.

66. **Yoshida Hatsue San.** Voted to approve the recommendation of the Women's Work Committee to accept as a beneficiary student Yoshida Hatsue San in preparation for work as a kindergarten teacher.

67. **Minemura Fusa San.** Voted to approve the recommendation of the Women's Work Committee to accept as a beneficiary student Minemura Fusa San in preparation for work as a kindergarten teacher.

68. **Muto Minoru San.** Voted, in regard to the case of Muto Minoru San (former theological student), referred to the Committee by the Seminary, to defer action until the coming meeting of the Committee in May, meanwhile granting for the intervening period assistance to the extent of Yen 20.

69. **Tokyo Church Kindergarten.** Voted on the following conditions to approve the request sent in by Revs. Honda and Horn, with reference to the opening of a kindergarten in the Tokyo Church from April of this year: (1). Expenses for this purpose prior to the beginning of next year's budget to be borne by the Church; (2). In the event of this item for kindergarten expenses being stricken out of the Mission Budget for next year,

the Tokyo Church to be responsible for the entire support.

70. Hakata Bible Woman. Voted to approve the proposal sent in by Miss Akard with reference to the engaging of Miss Fujie Akimoto as as Bible woman in connection with the Hakata Church.

71. Iwanaga Loan. Voted to grant to Rev. N. Iwanaga on account of medical expenses a loan of Yen 80. from the Pastors' Aid Fund, the same to be returned at the rate of Yen 10. per month from November 1929 to June 1930.

72. Ebara Church Budget. Voted to approve of the request from Rev. N. Iwanaga for an increase in the Ebara Church Budget item for travelling expenses in the amount of Yen 20., this being for the four months, March to June, 1929.

73. Mrs. Kameyama. With reference to Mrs. Hideko Kameyama, who for the past year has been studying in the Bible department of Lambuth Girls' School at Osaka, it was voted to approve her request to be allowed to continue her studies for another year, from April, 1929 to March, 1930.

Note on Dates of Actions:

Actions	1-8	—By Mail, May-August, 1928.
	9-30	—Karuizawa Meeting, August 15-16, 1928.
	31-33	—Kobe Meeting, September 12, 1928.
	34-41	—By Mail, September—December, 1928.
	42-62	—Kumamoto Meeting, January 8-10, 1929.
	63-73	—By Mail, January-April, 1929.

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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

We have assembled in the City of Kumamoto for the Tenth Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Japan. May it be indeed a period of thanksgiving, prayer and sacred decisions as we consider together the work of the Kingdom and plan for the extension of the same.

In the work that our Master has called each one present here today to do, I know we meet with many discouragements, misgivings and sorrows, but I feel sure that I express the true feeling of all when I say that it is a real joy to be engaged in this work and that there is not the least desire to give up or turn back. The longer we continue in His service in Japan, the more surely will we be convinced that God is accomplishing His purpose and that in time the walls of opposition, misunderstanding, superstition and sin will fall down. The power of the Holy Spirit is working in the hearts of hundreds of thousands of Japanese, and even now the walls are beginning to shake. It may be, however, that the walls of the stronghold have been circled only once and before they fall they may have to be circled many times. On this account, let us continue to look unto Jesus knowing that the work is His, and therefore victory is assured. "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." (I. John 5:4.)

With these things in mind, we must press forward, for we are united in the firm conviction that the Church of Jesus Christ must be established in Japan, and that we have been called of Him to help in this great work.

We have carried on for another year since our last Convention at Hakata. Some of the things that have been accomplished in the work of the various stations will be told us in the reports of the members of the Mission, according to action of our last Convention.

Of special interest in the life of the home Church during the past year have been the Conventions of the United Lutheran Church at Erie, Pa. and the Women's Convention at Johnstown, Pa. At the former Convention we were represented by the Rev. A. J. Stirewalt and at the latter by Miss Helen Shirk. In the past we have not received written reports for record from our representatives to these bodies, but for various reasons it is very

desirable to have such reports to keep us in touch with the home Church. It the delegates have not returned to Japan by the time of our next annual Convention, such reports should be sent in time by mail.

We should note too the changes that have taken place in the organization of our Foreign Mission Board. On December 1st, 1928, Rev. Paul W. Koller, D. D. assumed the office of Executive Secretary. It is a pleasure and privilege to have this closer association with Dr. Koller in this great work and we are sure that these relations will be most pleasant. A formal letter in the name of the Mission has been sent to Dr. Koller. The new Treasurer of the Board, Mr. George R. Weitzel, of York, Pa. has also assumed office and a formal letter in the name of the Mission has also been sent to him. But a new Treasurer means the losing of our old one, and this we regret very much because of our long and most pleasant relations with Dr. L. B. Wolf, who as Treasurer of the Board has always proved himself a true friend of the missionaries. We have awaited the meeting of this Convention to express our appreciation of Dr. Wolf's many kindnesses while Treasurer of the Board.

Our own reorganization on the field has not yet been accomplished. The proposed Constitution and By-laws for the Japan Lutheran Church, adopted, at our last Convention were forwarded to the Board as soon as possible after the Convention. The Board has referred them for study to a sub-committee and we are awaiting a final reply in regard to the same.

For the whole Lutheran Church the year 1929 is an outstanding one, as it marks the four hundredth anniversary of Luther's Small Catechism. In recognition of the same, the Second World Lutheran Convention is to be held at Copenhagen, Denmark, June 26th to July 4th. We feel very much gratified that the Japan Lutheran Church is to be represented at this Convention by two delegates, Rev. Chas. W. Hepner and Rev. H. Inadomi. To help defray the expenses of Rev. Inadomi, about ¥1,400. has been collected from various sources in Japan. In order to have about three months in America visiting many of our congregations in the interest of the Japan work, Rev. Inadomi sailed from Yokohama the latter part of February. He is expected back in Japan the latter part of September.

It would be appropriate if the Japan Lutheran Church too could celebrate this four hundredth anniversary with a new edition of the Small Catechism in Japanese. The United Lutheran Church at its last Convention adopted as the official English

text a translation agreed upon by a commission composed of representatives from the United Lutheran Church, the Danish United Church, and five other American Lutheran bodies. This text is now available and a translation of the same into Japanese would make a fitting celebration of this anniversary. Such a translation should be given a great deal of care and the language such as will give thorough satisfaction to the Japanese. This last statement may seem superfluous, and yet it is purposely made as such a translation should be of such a nature that it can be our standard text for many years to come.

We are also badly in need of a new and simple, but thoroughly evangelical tract for unbelievers and inquirers, and another for catechumens and new Christians, giving briefly a few facts about our Church, our faith and what we stand for. Such tracts would be very helpful in our work, but in the publication of such literature the very best talent must be used in order to make them useful. Such tracts must be rather brief, clear, instructing and appealing.

At our last annual Convention we regretted to have so many of our members absent on furlough. At this Convention we have with us most of those who were absent last year, but almost an equal number have returned to the home land on furlough. It is a joy to be able to welcome back at this time Rev. and Mrs. E. T. Horn to the Theological Seminary and Tokyo evangelistic work, Rev. and Mrs. Geo. W. Schillinger to Kyushu Gakuin, Rev. and Mrs. A. C. Knudten to the Nagoya field and Miss Helen Shirk to the Kindergarten and evangelistic work at Fukuoka and Kurume. It is good to have all these members of the Mission back in Japan and we pray that their work during this term may be greatly blessed.

Once more we have the pleasure of welcoming into our work one of our second generation missionaries, Miss Maya Winther, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. M. T. Winther, who arrived in Japan in September 1928 and at once entered the Tokyo Language School. Because of her former knowledge of Japanese, Miss Winther was able to enter the second year course of the Language School and will complete the same in June. She will, therefore, be eligible for appointment to work at this Convention. We unite in giving Miss Winther a hearty welcome and pray that God may richly bless her in her work for Japan. We are happy, too, to welcome into the work of the Mission the daughter of one of our Japanese pastors, Miss Eiko Yonemura. Miss Yonemura after graduation at Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, took

a course at the Biblical Seminary, New York City. She returned to Japan last fall and since the first of this year has been teaching at Kyushu Jo Gakuin where she is proving a very valuable addition to the faculty as an active Christian worker. May our Heavenly Father greatly bless her in this work.

Another happy feature of this Convention is the presence with us of one of the mothers of the Mission, Mrs. Maggie Powlas, mother of Misses Maud and Annie Powlas, who has come for a year in Japan. Mrs. Powlas has been living with her daughters at the Ji Ai En and has been a real help in the work there. It is good to have our mothers with us and we assure Mrs. Powlas of a warm welcome into our midst and to all the sessions of this Convention.

Since our last Convention, Rev. C. W. Hepner and Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Stirewalt and family have left Japan on regular furlough. In Sept. 1928 Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Linn and family were forced to return to America one year before regular furlough owing to the necessity for Mrs. Linn to undergo a serious operation. We are very thankful that Mrs. Linn is now much improved in health. The furlough of Rev. and Mrs. C. K. Lippard has been further extended by the Board and Mr. Lippard continues his strenuous work in America to collect funds for land and buildings at Kobe. He reports that he has secured more than $23,000. in cash and pledges for this purpose. Mrs. Lippard continues her work for the Light Brigade of America.

Shortly after our last Convention we were informed by our Board of the resignation from the work in Japan of Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Nielsen and Rev. and Mrs. L. G. Gray. It was with a sense of real sorrow and loss that we received this information. The work that they have done through many years of service for the extension of the Kingdom in Japan still lives on and will continue to bear fruit. We miss them very much.

Very soon after the resignation of Rev. and Mrs. Nielsen, our hearts were again made sad when a cabled message brought us the information that Mrs. Nielsen had been called to higher service, and had entered into that rest prepared for those who love our lord. We were sad, we paused to shed tears, but why should we be sorry when such a friend as Mrs. Nielsen had entered into the joy of her Lord? We are thankful for her life and the work she has done for Japan. Our sympathies and prayers continue with Mr. Nielsen in his loneliness. At the request of the Executive Committee a tribute to Mrs. Nielsen written by Miss Akard was published in the Foreign Missionary, but at this Con-

vention suitable resolutions should be adopted to be incorporated in our Minutes.

We regret that because of long and serious illness it became necessary for Evangelist Takami to give up his work at Tosu and his resignation from the work of our Church has been accepted. Also, because of poor health, Rev. Chiga was compelled to resign as pastor of the Hakata Church in March, 1929, and has been granted a sick leave until the time of this Convention when his case will have to be given further consideration. Aoyama Shiro, a graduate from our Theological Seminary this year has been appointed to help in the work at Hakata until the time of this Convention.

To help counterbalance these losses we welcome for the first time to our Convention four graduates from our Theological Seminary this spring, Takase Yoshitada, Yamauchi Rokuro, Aoyama Shiro, son of Pastor Aoyama, and Sakai Yoshio. These four young evangelists in our midst are evidences of God's blessing in our Theological work.

For many years we have thought of beginning evangelistic work in the city of Hiroshima, not only because it is a large and important city, but it is very desirable to have some work in the long stretch of territory of about three hundred miles between our Shimonoseki and Kobe stations. According to the action of our last Convention, work was begun in this city in October, 1928, by Rev. Okuma as the resident pastor and visited monthly by Rev. Thorlaksson from Kobe. The work has met with success during these few months and it will be of special interest to hear from the associated missionary just what has been accomplished. There are still a number of large cities that we should enter in our effort to establish a self supporting Japanese Church.

In January of this year we were all cheered, and our congregations encouraged, by the announcement of the fact that our congregation at Kurume with Mr. Kishi as pastor had voted to become entirely self supporting. This is the first one of our congregations to take this step, but there are several others that should soon follow the Kurume lead and they have been requested to give the matter special consideration. We most heartily congratulate the Kurume congregation.

Our Mission property equipment has increased in a very pleasing way, though it represents only a small fraction of our actual needs. First, from the standpoint of time and importance, is the Tokyo church, dedicated on June 3rd, 1928. This building is constructed of reinforced concrete and with equipment cost

about ¥31,000. Our missionary in Tokyo, Rev. Stirewalt, on June 6th wrote as follows: "On Sunday our Tokyo church was dedicated in the presence of an audience of from 275 to 300. That night there were present 140 persons, and on Monday night 160 or more were present. The dedication service offering amounted to ¥102. The church looks nice and churchly, and we believe it will serve a good purpose." At Osaka, with money from the Cooper Memorial Fund, we built on our church lot, at a cost of about ¥6,000., a parsonage with a large room down stairs to serve as a chapel until the church can be built. In January of this year, we bought in the Hyogo district, Kobe, near the location where our work was carried on for a number of years, a plot of land of 246 tsubo for our church lot at a cost of ¥18,100. This is a part of the money being collected in America for Kobe by Rev. Lippard. A church and parsonage are now much needed and we hope they may be available in the near future from the same fund. At the Ji Ai En a new home for babies was erected with money contributed by the government, and at the Jo Gakuin the second dormitory unit was built. Also, $10,000. has been received in Japan as a special gift from the Light Brigade of America for the Cronk Memorial Kindergarten at the Ji Ai En and work on this building has now been begun. A vote of thanks to the boys and girls of the Light Brigade would be in place.

At other stations, equipment is still badly needed. Owing to the financial difficulties under which our Board is now trying to carry on, it may seem out of place at this time to call attention to some of our special property needs. However, we do not believe that these conditions will always exist and, as the needs are so apparent, they should be kept before us, especially as the Board has given us hope that these things will eventually be realized through its Extension Plan.

As our next objective in securing church equipment, something should be done for Nagoya. We have now had work in this large city, the third in population Empire, for about fourteen years and have no equipment at all except a small, temporary chapel on rented land. We have had to move from place to place and as a result the work has suffered. It is unpleasant to see other denominations come into our neighborhood, buy land and build around us, thus taking a district we have been working for and is rightfully ours, though we can not claim it since we cannot go in and occupy it. A church home in Nagoya is very necessary. We are also badly in need of church property in Omuta and Yawata as it is very difficult to rent suitable buildings in

these two cities, even granting that rented Japanese houses were at all satisfactory. We own land in Omuta and if a definite request were sent to the Board for a reasonable amount for a church building, it is possible that the Board could interest St. John's of Charleston, S. C. in erecting a church to be known as the Chisolm Memorial to take the place of the old building we had to dispose of which was known as the Chisolm Memorial. A permanent memorial of this kind in the city of Omuta would prove a great blessing to the work. Yawata being located in Northern Kyushu is a part of the work Rev. J. A. Linn has been associated with and it is possible that he may be able to do something for Yawata while he is at home on furlough, if so requested. At Amagi the members of the congregation are very anxious to buy land on which to build a church and parsonage. They have been encouraged to try to secure the land, with the understanding that the Mission would try to arrange with the Board to secure at least a modest chapel and parsonage too, if possible. It now seems that with the aid of the associated missionary they may soon be able to secure the land. It would encourage them if we could take some action at this time looking towards securing money for the church. The amount needed would not be large, and if the Board can not promise help at this time, it is possible they may agree to let us borrow money and pay back the same from rent money. In this case the amount allowed Amagi for rent would have to be increased. Last year we asked for a home for our missionaries at Kurume, but as yet it has not been authorized. The need for this home still exists, if we expect to hold Kurume as a home for a missionary family.

In this connection it would be good to note that, in connection with the Board's Extension Plan for securing property, we sent in a list of our needs in 1926. This list was given in the order of our needs, and according to this list for church property, after deducting the stations for which something has been done to give relief, we find that Nagoya comes first, Omuta second, Yawata third and Amagi fourth.

One of the brightest aspects of our work at the present time seems to be the women's work. This branch of our work was begun sixteen years ago, when the first two ladies were appointed to this work. Today they have increased six fold, now numbering twelve. We regret that the Women's Work budget has had to be cut as an increase in the number of missionaries automatically calls for an increase in the budget and not a cut. We have faith enough to believe that our women in America will soon be able to solve this serious problem.

We will hear from the reports what is being accomplished, but from the number of requests that come in for women workers it seems that they are wanted everywhere, which is certainly a good sign. At this Convention there are four new women missionaries to be appointed and we could easily appoint twice that number to needy fields. The problem is, how can these four be spread out thin enough to meet the needs? As we study our Mission roll we find that the last seven missionaries to arrive in Japan have all been women. At this rate, men will soon be at a premium. We do want the women to continue to come, but it would be good to call our Board's attention to the necessity of sending out from time to time picked men to fill the places caused by losses and provide for necessary advances.

In accordance with an action taken at our last Convention, the Mission Executive Committee has considered the needs of several of our evangelistic fields and granted small amounts to make it possible for the missionary to carry on additional work not provided for in the evangelistic budget. From this experience it is found that such aids to the evangelistic work are quite necessary. It would be good to have an understanding by which the evangelistic missionaries, when such help is needed, can submit a statement of their needs to the Finance Committee and have a reasonable amount included in the budget for their special evangelistic needs. Those who are in a special way responsible for extending our evangelistic work, should be given as much encouragement as possible to use their time to the best advantage. Not only do they need money, but they need evangelists, or even lay workers who can be directly associated with them in the work. With careful supervision of an experienced missionary, such workers of the right kind can be used to a good advantage where there is such a scarcity of fully trained workers. It seems that we should do more to encourage this kind of work under missionary supervision. It is true that the great problem is to get the right kind of men, but from time to time they are available and could be a great help.

With this brief review of the work of the past year and the few suggestions included in the same, I beg leave to submit this report for your consideration, praying that the Holy Spirit may direct us in all the deliberations of this Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

L. S. G. Miller, President.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY REPORT.

It is with mingled emotions that we review the past year in the history of the Seminary. At the time of our last Convention we still had hopes of the return of President and Mrs. J. P. Nielsen. These hopes however have been shattered and time has brought changes that we can but look upon with profound regret. Mr. Nielsen finally found it necessary to sever his connection not only with the Seminary but with the work of the Japan Mission as a whole. And later, the sad news of Mrs. Nielsen's passing from the scene of her earthly labors brought a sense of sorrow to all hearts. From one point of view, it would be unkind to wish that Mrs. Nielsen were back here to continue her terrible sufferings; and we know that her faithful life companion finds comfort for his lonely heart in the blessed resurrection hope, as well as in the grateful memories of days now gone; yet I think we should be something less than human if we remained untouched by these sorrow laden facts.

On the brighter side, we were happy to welcome back to Japan and to the work of the Seminary Dr. E. T. Horn, who with family returned in November of last year. His coming has relieved of their burden those who had been carrying extra teaching work. And not only so, but with the restoration of the faculty to full strength, it has become possible to discontinue the services of most of our part time teachers, thereby saving some hundreds of yen to be applied to the school's indebtedness. From April of this year only one outside teacher has been retained, this for Japanese and Chinese classics. We are greatly indebted to Miss Helene Harder for her services as music teacher during the past year.

We are gratified to be able to report that on March 22nd of this year four young men, Messrs. Shiro Aoyama, Yoshio Sakai, Yoshitada Takase, and Rokuro Yamauchi, were graduated from the Seminary and are ready for appointment at this Convention.

In my report last year I called attention to the need of special effort in the churches if we were even to hold our own in point of numbers. It is with great satisfaction that I now have to report the admission of six new students as a result of the entrance examinations last month. Our prayers have been answered and our highest anticipations more than realized. As I stated in my last report, I consider the matter of recruiting students for the ministry to be primarily the responsibility of the several churches, but I want to reiterate at the same time that

the Seminary stands ready to help in any way that it can in this work. Prof. Horn's visitation of the churches for this purpose in January of this year is a concrete demonstration of this willingness. From the side of the Seminary we should appreciate suggestions from those who know local conditions and opportunities as we naturally feel some degree of hesitation in making plans from the outside to go into situations with which we are unacquainted.

We should begin now to try to work up interest for next year by directing the hearts and minds of qualified young men toward the calling of the ministry. And I should like to stress the word **qualified.** The fact is that of the six young men recently admitted, three had to be admitted on probation for one year. We trust that by the end of that time all will have been able fully to meet the requirements, but the entrance examinations revealed the fact that not only are some weak in such subjects as English, Japanese and Chinese classics, but some are evidently without adequate preliminary preparation in such fundamental studies as the catechism and the Bible, especially the Old Testament. So henceforth let us put forth a special effort not only to recruit numbers but to raise the standards of qualification. We should not lose sight of the fact that at best our standards are unavoidably low. In most other civilized countries the requirement for admission to Seminaries is college or university graduation. And while I believe that some of the finished products of our Seminary would compare very favorably with those of Seminaries in other countries so far as their specific theological training is concerned, yet I would urge that we cannot hold too high the standard of general requirement for this highest of callings—the ministry of Christ.

In this connection, while recognizing the fact that for some time to come it will probably be necessary to give financial aid, I should like to urge that in so far as possible students be encouraged to support themselves during their Seminary course. This will undoubtedly have the effect of developing a spirit of self-support in the churches that they will later serve as pastors. Fortunately, a good beginning has been made in this year's entering class.

During the past year a number of changes have been effected in the evangelistic activities of the Seminary and they are now being carried on we believe, more effectively than heretofore. The former preaching place at Arai proved to be unsatisfactory and so was given up at the end of December. Recently a new place

has been opened at Koenji, not far from the Old Folk's Home, and already gives very good promise for the future. Several students are assigned to this work under the direction of Prof. Sato. A Sunday School also will likely be begun at this place in the near future.

Of far more reaching significance is the fact that within the past few months we have been able more effectively to link up the man power of the Seminary with opportunities afforded by the equipment and location of the established work in Tokyo. It is not surprising that the evangelistic work of the Seminary has not been very conspicuous when it had to be carried on with no equipment and a budget of six hundred yen a year. What could be done within these limitations has been done all along. But recently arrangements have been made for a group of students under the active leadership of Prof. Miura to carry on regular work at the settlement house in Honjo. The results so far have been most encouraging. In addition to this Prof. Horn has been carrying on during Mr. Stirewalt's absence the regular Sunday morning services at Honjo.

Prof. Asaji is now teaching at Okubo Church a Bible Class formerly taught by Mrs. Stirewalt. And recently, for the first time, a Seminary student has been asked to take charge of a Sunday School class there.

The situation in the vicinity of the Seminary, which we all recognize to be of considerable importance, is at present in a somewhat plastic state. Some time ago the faculty agreed that I should undertake to conduct regular services at the Seminary in lieu of a suitable chapel elsewhere. So far it has not been possible to put this plan into effect, though I trust that it may be done at no far distant date. The delay has been partly due to lack of time, but other considerations have entered in. In the first place, the Seminary is at present in a somewhat secluded spot, so if a better location could be found, it would be far better to begin services elsewhere, even in a rented house. This would carry with it the necessity for an increased budget, and there is a question as to what extent this may be available. Then too, there is the matter of the Sunday Schools. Two of these have been carried on very successfully since the Seminary first moved to Tokyo, one in the Seminary and one at the Asagaya Mission Home. The probabilities are that his home will be given up this summer and provision must be made elsewhere for this Sunday School unless we are to lose the results of several years labour. If the Mission can see its way clear to provide the

necessary equipment, there is no reason why this Sunday School could not be connected up with the proposed Sunday services and thus become the foundation for an Asagaya Lutheran Church. I should like to add that one by one other churches are coming in and are rapidly pre-empting the territory that should naturally be our own sphere of labour. I trust that as a result of a little further consideration we may be able soon to work out some definite and satisfactory plan.

I have gone thus fully into the matter of the evangelistic activities of the Seminary because I am conscious of the existence in some quarters of a critical attitude toward this matter. I have attempted to show that professors and students are doing in this line what their time and opportunities permit. At the same time, I wish to call to the attention of all concerned the fact that the Seminary is an educational institution and as such should be developed into one of the highest educational standards. Its primary purpose is not to **do evangelistic work** but to **prepare for the work of the ministry**, in its highest and broadest sense. And preparation does not mean primarily a premature apprenticeship of effervescent activity. Theological education must be at all times directed by an evangelistic motive and fired by an evangelistic spirit, and its ultimate purpose must be evangelistic to the core. But it would be nothing less than a calamity to the Church if we allowed real solid preparation—yes, intellectual preparation, if you please—to be pushed aside by a too great insistence on the practical, which after all may be only a delusion, offering as it does a line of least resistance. When one thinks of the great moral and spiritual problems thrust, in perhaps an unprecedented measure, upon this generation, and when one thinks of the intellectual demands made upon the minister who would be effective, one can only cry out, "Who is sufficient for these things?" Anyone who really puts his trust in God cannot afford to spurn the highest possible development of the intellectual as well as the spiritual powers that God has given him, when he comes to prepare for the combat with the powers of darkness, which employ for their purposes all the resources of intellectual acumen.

It follows that those who have been set apart for the ministry of teaching should, insofar as may be consistent with their assuming of a fair share of responsibility for the general work of the Church, be shielded from such a superfluity of outside duties as would dissipate their energies and render it difficult for them to acquire year by year the increasingly thorough pre-

paration that their task demands. Of course without taking the matter thus seriously it may be possible for one to fool some of the students all of the time and all of the students some of the time, and perhaps even himself now and then, but in his better moments he realizes that the best preparation possible, wrought out by hard work and much inward struggle, is none too good for those who have been entrusted with the sacred duty of training the future leaders of the Church.

This, however, naturally leads on to another matter, the importance of which can hardly be overestimated, namely, the relation between the Seminary and the Church. Under the present arrangement it is the prerogative of the Convention to discuss and recommend with reference to all questions concerning the Seminary, including the appointment of professors, whereas the final authority rests with the "Zaidan" (School Board). Be this as it may, there is need for a closer definition and for a more effective co-operation between the two bodies, in order that it may be made clear beyond a shadow of a doubt as to whether professors in the Theological Seminary owe allegiance only to the "Zaidan" or in a very real way to the Convention as well.

The principles that I should like to enunciate are: first, that, whatever may be its legal status under the "Zaidan", the Seminary is not and should not be merely a specializing school ("Semmongakko"), but also and primarily an organ of the Church and subject to the Church's control through its representative body, the Convention; second, that all regular theological professors are amenable to the Convention of the Church, and of right and from a sense of responsibility should be members of that body and closely identified with all its interests and activities. It seems to me that anything less than an open recognition and a practical demonstration of these two principles will put the Seminary continuously in a bad light and very decidedly decimate its efficiency as a training school for the ministry.

To turn now to matters of a different sort, I wish to call the attention of the Mission and the Board to the material needs of the Seminary. This matter has been mentioned so often in an indefinite way that it is likely to fall on deaf ears. And even now we have no definite plan to propose. However, our necessity has now become urgent, and I only want to prepare you for a definite proposal at no distant date. With the admission of six new students, a net increase of only two, our dormitory space has been filled to its capacity. For each of the next two years there will be only one graduate, so with the likelihood of a substantial

increase in numbers we actually do not have enough room for even make-shift accommodations. Something must be done, and that soon. What that something is will depend on a little closer study of the situation and the possibilities.

A matter that does not call for immediate action, but which nevertheless will no doubt eventually require our attention is the matter of a union or affiliated group Seminary in Tokyo. Interest in this matter has been revived recently and has been given added impetus by the fact that it is being urged on a number of the Missions by a group of the home Boards. I have through several different agencies been able to keep in touch with the trend of opinion in Tokyo, and I think that one of these days we shall likely be asked to state our official attitude towards such a proposition. The most recent development is one that may find wide approval, namely, the idea of grouping the individual Seminaries around a Christian University of the social sciences.

One of the duties of this Convention will be the election of a Seminary President to succeed Mr. Nielsen, resigned. This will bring to a close my term of service as Acting President. If my report has run to an unusual length, it is due to the fact that I felt it my duty to pass on to those interested in the welfare of the Seminary some of the results of my experience and reflection during my term of service in this capacity.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN K. LINN,
Acting President.

REPORT OF KYUSHU GAKUIN.

At the beginning of any report of Christian work one feels that thanksgiving should be given for God's blessings enjoyed. The fact that even with such poor tools He is able to accomplish something for the bringing in of the Kingdom is always encouraging.

It is true that Christian education in any land always has its difficulties and discouragements, yet it is most necessary and has many encouragements. When we remember the non-Christian homes and surroundings from which our students come, it is a great joy to know that so many of the young are brought under

Christian teaching and influences, and are given a new and better outlook on life. Then too, the fact that quite a number do become Christians is a cause for thanksgiving, and we realize that the little that is being done will mean much in the years to come in the great Christian movement that is going on throughout Japan. We are happy that Kyushu Gakuin is now beginning its nineteenth year of service for the young men of Japan, but it is a very serious handicap that our contact with our students is only during the Middle School course with nothing to offer them in the line of higher education. Higher education is imperative, but the Board still says that for financial reasons it is impossible.

In March, 1929, our graduating class numbered 115, the largest we have ever had. This gives us a grand total of 1,176 graduates. Many of these boys could have been kept with us for three or four years longer, if we had had a higher course to offer them.

The prospects for the new year are good. The number of applicants to enter the new class this year was lower than last year, owing to business depression, no doubt. There was a general falling off in the number of applicants even in the government schools in the Ken, several even experienced difficulty in getting their full quota of students. This year we had 262 applicants and from this number admitted 156.

We are sorry to have to report the loss by death of one of our younger teachers, Mr. Kugimoto who had been with us as a teacher for nine years. Mr. Kugimoto was one of our own graduates, a member of our first graduating class. He was a member of Kyushu Gakuin congregation and at one time during his Middle School course had expected to enter the ministry. Also, we feel very much the death of Kaibara San, the very faithful old woman who for so many years lived among us as care taker of the Theological Seminary dormitory and later of one of the Middle School dormitories. She had been a Christian for a number of years. Though poor, she had saved a little money, and as there was no one dependent on her, her relatives gave what she left, about ¥100., to Kyushu Gakuin congregation. This has been invested in a memorial to her in the church.

We were very happy to have one of our teachers Mr, Shigaki, a Kyushu Gakuin Graduate, go as a delegate to the World Sunday School Convention at Los Angeles during the summer of 1928. Mr. Shigaki is an enthusiastic Christian worker and was much benefitted by the Convention and trip to America. Mr.

Shigaki ranks high as a teacher of athletics, and as it is very difficult to find Christian teachers for this department we are very fortunate in having him as a member of our faculty. Another one of our Christian graduates, Mr. Uchino, went to America last summer to enter Duke University at Durham, N. C. Mr. Uchino is associated with the work of our Church in that city.

After their regular furlough, it was a pleasure to welcome back to the student work in October, Rev. and Mrs. Geo. W. Schillinger. They have brought back new interest and enthusiasm and are taking up their old work with increased activity. While in America, Mr. Schillinger received the degree of M. A. from the University of Pennsylvania. Again we would like to express our special appreciation to Rev. D. G. M. Bach for his great help in the school work during the absence of Mr. Schillinger.

Because of the very sympathetic co-operation that has existed during the past year between the school officials, school pastor, missionaries and Christian teachers, the religious work has been very encouraging. At various times during the year, special religious services were held for the student body. Chief among these were the talks given by Rev. T. Kagawa in the fall. Mr. Kagawa spoke to our students during the day and for three evenings public services for the people of the city were held in the Brown Memorial. Each evening the building was crowded to its capacity, about 1,300 people. The spiritual blessings to the school and the whole community were very great.

During the past year, since our last Convention, there have been 46 baptized in Kyushu Gakuin church, of which number 38 were our own students, and one the wife of one of our teachers. This gave us a total of about 110 Christians in the student body at the time of graduation this year. The average attendance during the year 1928 at the Sunday morning services in the church was seventy-six. The congregational receipts for the year amounted to ¥944.36.

Women's work doesn't feature very largely in the report of work at a boys' school, but it is nevertheless an important part of the work of Kyushu Gakuin Church. Our Women's Society, composed largely of the wives of our teachers, has a membership of about twenty. Monthly devotional services are held, and through various activities quite a good deal of money is collected or earned for church and charitable purposes. In the fall, this society together with the Women's Society of our city congregation gave a concert for the benefit of our Ji Ai En, at which time

¥500. was cleared and given to the Ji Ai En to help pay for a new children's building being erected at the time. As a special work for non-Christians, the Women's Society conducts monthly classes in foreign cooking attended by about sixty women.

The neighborhood Sunday School conducted by several of our younger teachers for the children about us is now a regular part of our work. This Sunday School has an enrollment of 107, with an average attendance of about 65. Mr. Tanaka is the Superintendent.

During the year, there were some minor improvements to our plant. As a special feature, to commemorate the coronation of the Emperor in November, the students and teachers gave ¥744. to construct two tennis courts that had been needed for a long time. The athletic field, too, was improved to give more room for baseball and the gymnasium enlarged a little to meet the demands of an increased enrollment. Our great needs, a science building, library, and student recreation hall have not yet materialized, but we have a plan on foot now to secure these buildings if it is approved by the Board. As we celebrate our twentieth anniversary in two more years, this is to be known as our Twentieth Anniversary Expansion Plan. The three buildings are estimated to cost about ¥60,000. If the Board can guarantee us ¥25,000, during the next two years, or about $6,000. a year for two years, we plan to raise ¥35,000. from various sources here in Japan, thus making possible these three much needed buildings.

In November, at the time of the Coronation, our Principal, Dr. Toyama, was one of four persons in Kumamoto Ken honored with special recognition by the Emperor for distinguished services in educational work. It is interesting to note that two of these four were Christians.

Requesting your continued interest and prayers that the work at Kyushu Gakuin may be greatly blessed to the salvation of many,

Respectfully submitted,

L. S. G. MILLER.

(SUPPLEMENT)

We arrived in Kumamoto from the homeland and our first furlough, October 16th of last year, to begin our second term as a missionary to Japan and our second year as a missionary at Kyushu Gakuin.

There our work is primarily and chiefly among the boys of the first and second year classes who number approximately 300. With them we have had four days of curriculum classes which gives excellent opportunity for making the desired contacts.

After the regular classes of the school day we have had during each week seven English Bible classes with an active enrollment of 140 and with a total average weekly attendance of a few over a hundred.

Besides this we have entertained in our home for a social evening two groups weekly unless conditions at the school forbade. The boys entertained each month they have been in school total 110 each month.

On Sunday mornings since January a Bible Study group has met in our home as an extension of the regular Sunday School of Kyushu Gakuin Church. This group, up to March, has averaged forty boys each Sunday.

This, a report of our work as a missionary at Kyushu Gakuin, we respectfully submit.

GEO. W. SCHILLINGER,
Missionary

Kumamoto.
May 4th, 1929.

JANICE JAMES SCHOOL REPORT

May 1929.

The past year has been a very full and a very happy one. As all over the land, the crowning event has been the celebration of the enthronement of the Emperor of the Era of Enlightened Peace. As may easily be imagined, this occasion provided unusually fine opportunity to schools to teach true citizenship, for all hearts were open and sensitive. In this connection we had three weeks of daily periods of Bible study and praise services

which were very rich and which brought us all, teachers as well as students, up to the Enthronement Day Worship service in our school ready to pledge ourselves in a very high sense to service for Japan. It was indeed a privilege to go through this period of great national rejoicing side by side with Japanese subjects and to feel not only their deep and intense loyalty and devotion to the imperial house, and their gratitude for the marvelous Providence which has guided Japan up to the present, but also to recognize more fully Japan's sense of a great spiritual mission in the world, and the deep yearning of Christians to fulfil this mission. The repeated declarations at such a time of Christian teachers within our school and Christian teachers and citizens outside, that the national and world mission of Japan can only be accomplished through loyalty to Christ as King of kings and Lord of lords, was convincing evidence that His kingdom has come in this land to a very great degree.

Another red-letter day of the year was October the 3rd, when the Department of Education granted our school recognition.

The erection of the second unit of the dormitory system is also a great cause for rejoicing. It was completed early in January, which made it possible to relieve crowded conditions in the first unit and to make some repairs before the entrance of the new class. We expect these two units, with some proposed additions to the first unit, to suffice for the needs of the five classes.

The equipment of the various departments is still going on. Just now we are in the midst of installing the physics and chemistry equipment, and are planning the domestic science equipment which must be gradually installed before the beginning of the second term.

The organization and efficiency of the school as a whole has grown steadily, I believe. Faithfulness and earnestness have characterized the faculty as a group and as individuals. A number of additions have been made to the faculty during the year. I wish to make special mention of two. Miss Martha Harder came to us at the beginning of the second term, and Miss Eiko Yonemura entered upon her work at the beginning of the third term. Both are giving themselves enthusiastically to the work, the former to the building up of the music department, and the latter to Bible teaching and other religious activities of the school. From the beginning of the new school year, Miss Yonemura has become matron of one of the dormitory families. Besides these

several other new teachers have been appointed, making a total of twenty-one.

A new class of fifty-eight was entered in March, an increase of fifteen over the class entered last year. We rejoice not only at this larger number and the higher average ability of the girls, but also at the growing good reputation of the school which these things seem to indicate. The total number of the student body at present is 199, of whom 48 are in the dormitories.

I have asked Miss Potts and Miss Harder to help make this report. Miss Potts has written the following about our religious work within the school.

Since nowhere, of course, do the personalities of the teachers mean so much as in a school like ours we have reason to be especially thankful for the Christian personnel of our faculty. Of twenty-one teachers, eighteen are Christians and the other three, while not yet baptized, attend church and are loyal to the spirit and religious activities of the school.

First and foremost among these religious activities are naturally the daily period of worship in our simple, beautiful chapel and the two hours weekly of regular class-room instruction in the Bible. These bring every girl in the school into direct contact with Christ.

The Sunday School, also, continues to play a very important part in the life of our school. About half of our girls are in our or other Sunday Schools, and it is a matter of great thankfulness that almost all our leading girls are in this group. Two of our classes have contributed outside the regular collection to Christian projects they were interested in. A Sunday School Training Class has just been organized among the fourth year girls. Not all these girls are baptized yet, but they want to prepare for service. They will not become teachers, of course, until they are baptized. The course planned is 42 hours, to cover the two years before graduation. It will be supplementary to the curricular Bible study course and to the Sunday School class work. It will include Child Study, Lesson Planning, Methods, Story Telling, Sunday School History, etc. Besides this there will be supervised practice teaching during the second year in small Sunday Schools to be organized in the neighboring country villages from which some of our girls come—places where there is now no Christian work of any sort.

The morning and evening prayers at the dormitory and the special Sunday evening service there to which the girls them-

selves largely contribute are creating in them, we believe, that spirit of reverence and desire for personal communion with God we so long for them to have. I think we can say the prayer life of our girls, especially of our dormitory girls, is real and a genuine part of their lives.

The Pastor's special class directly preparing for baptism has twenty girls at present. Last year nineteen girls from this class were baptized or confirmed in our own or other churches. A new class will of course be organized as soon as it is required.

Last May a Christian Association was organized among the girls, with membership in it purely voluntary. About sixty girls are members—regular and associate. Meetings are held twice a month, one being for special study, or inspiration, or devotion, the other for some form of handwork. The girls gave special study this year to Korea and China and sent to our Girls' School in Tsimo fifteen photograph albums of their own design and making and a gift of ten yen. At Christmas they gave gifts of their own making to hospital and poor children. It is our hope that through this organization the girls who have already caught something of the Spirit of Christ may cultivate it to a richer and fuller perfection and learn how to pass it on to others.

The results in baptized Christians among our girls may seem small, but the years and months here, we believe, are steadily bringing all our girls nearer to the day when each one, we hope, will love our Lord and Christ with all her heart, and soul, and mind, and strength, and her neighbor as herself.

Miss Harder writes the following about her work.

In looking back over the past eight months which I have now spent at the Janice James School, my heart fills with gratitude over the blessings God has given us and I "give thanks to Jehovah for He is good, for His loving kindness endureth forever."

I found the work nicely begun by the two Japanese music teachers who had come before me. One of them could not return however, so Miss Shibuya and I spent the first couple of weeks reorganizing the work. Since then a new school year has begun and another piano teacher has joined us so that there are now three of us.

New pupils have also come in, until at present we have 55 pupils taking either piano or organ lessons. These are given outside of school hours, but each class also has two hours of regular class work each week. Gradually we are trying to work in new methods and systematize our work so that the aims of

our music department may be clearly recognized and our work may be done with the greatest possible efficiency. Above all do we want to instill into the minds of the girls the real use of music as God's gift to us. We hope that our girls may get clearer conceptions of God's love and beauty through the use of this His gift, and that in their study of it they will not only bring greater joy and fulness into their own lives but they may see in it a lovely means of giving joy and gladness to others, thus consecrating it to God as an expression of their own love and gratitude to Him.

Our regular school work takes care of the real serious study of music, so partly for recreation and partly for further study and appreciation for which we do not have time in class we have organized two music clubs, one for the second year girls, named the Futaba Club, which forms our symphony rhythmic orchestra using rhythmic instruments such as cymbals, tambourinies, bells, etc. The third and fourth year girls have organized an Orpheus Club for the study of music history and appreciation, also to get more practice in singing. Now and then the girls sing special songs for chapel and at least once every term we put on a piano and organ recital. For Christmas the girls gave a cantata called "The Birth of Christ in Song". It made the Christmas story very graphic for the parents and visitors. Especially was it a joy to see the reverence of the girls as different ones took the parts of Mary and Joseph, of the angels, the shepherds and the wise men. For our closing number we sang the Hallelujah Chorus, in three parts, simplified of course, but we hope to establish the custom of having this a part of our program every year.

Several weeks after Christmas about twenty of the girls sang parts of the cantata at a government hospital for lepers outside of the city. There were about 400 lepers present and by the light that shone on their faces as our girls sang, we could not help realizing the dreary monotony that must fill their lives most of the time.

Besides my daily Japanese language study and school work I have little time for outside activities. However I have a Sunday-school class of little girls between seven and ten years old. I enjoy this class very much even though I need to spend almost a week in preparing each lesson.

At church we have started a choir and have made one public appearance at the Christmas program. Whenever possible a number of the young men stay after church for a few minutes and

learn the bass and tenor of some of our most familiar hymns. In time we hope to have a regular organized church choir.

Our work is still in its infancy but our eyes are looking ahead and like Paul we "press forward toward the goal unto the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

The future of our school seems to us bright in spite of the various problems and discouragements that confront us. We realize that it depends upon the school's ability to meet the real needs of the community in a superior way. The demand for a higher department and the rich opportunities for service such would afford are continually before us, and while immediate action in this direction seems impossible just now, we are praying and we ask especially for your prayers for God's guidance in our thinking and planning in order to realize His best purpose for the school. We believe that with Christ-centered methods and Christ-centered objectives we are sure of real success if those entrusted with the support and administration of the school are faithful.

In closing may I give you Mrs. Cronk's last message to the School. You may know that she wished to have her personal possessions divided up between the many agencies of the Kingdom which she loved. The generous share received by the Janice James School was $19, which we had translated into an exquisite bit of statuary, and now the Winged Victory of Samothrace stands in an alcove of our chapel, not to commemorate a Greek naval victory, but to remind us to press forward in the way of service day by day, as Mrs. Cronk did, victorious in His strength, and to learn to say joyously with Paul, "Thanks be unto God who always leadeth us in triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest through us the savor of His knowledge in every place."

Respectfully submitted,

MARTHA B. AKARD,
Principal.

RUTERU REPORT.

During the year the Ruteru has been published monthly to the extent of 2500 copies.

The first-page articles have usually been written by Mr. Okuma or Mr. Inadomi, followed by a sermon by one of our pastors

on pages two and three, with other shorter articles at the bottom. Pages four and five have been used for Bible studies. The daily Bible readings, now in their third year, have added greatly to the usefulness of the paper. This can also be said of the Fujin Ran.

I notice with pleasure that the reports from the various churches take up more space in the paper, showing that there is a growing interest in our church paper as an organ.

While pastors and missionaries, and especially the members of the staff have worked well together to the good of the paper, we are laboring under one disadvantage; that is more and more of a check to the free use of the pen. While in our paper we do not wish to touch directly upon political questions, the fact that we are in a sense a servant of the public through this work, makes it more and more necessary (in this age) to touch upon the social or political situation. The lack of an appropriation of about Yen 250 to make up the Yen 500 to be deposited with the government, makes it impossible for any one writing to our paper to touch upon questions such as the Religious Bill, the abolition of prostitution, etc. I should like to propose that the sum of Yen . . . be added to the budget for 1929-1930 so that contributors can be relieved from this burden at once.

Respectfully,

D. G. M. BACH.

May, 1929.

FUKUOKA SHINSEI KWAN COMMITTEE REPORT WITH A DIGEST OF THE MANAGER'S REPORT

The Shinsei Kwan Committee met at Fukuoka on April 25th. All members were present. Mr. Kuyper was elected chairman and Mr. Norman, secretary. The office was inspected and was found in good condition.

The manager read his report for the year, ending March 31st. and budget estimates for the current year. The Committee received the report and approved of the conduct of the work. It also adopted the budget.

Actions of the Committee were: (1) To request Dr. Bouldin to audit the manager's accounts for the past year, (2) To amend the standing rules (Art. 1, Sect. 2 and Art. 3, Sect. 1) by substituting the word "January" for "April", thereby making the fiscal

year January-December, instead of April-March, (3) To instruct the manager to administer the budget, previously adopted, on a pro rata basis for the present fiscal year, April-December.

(Digest of the Manager's Report.)

The Fukuoka Shinsei Kwan has fulfilled eight years of service. The present manager has served during the past four years.

Statistics for the eight-year period, divided into four-year periods, are as follows:

	1921—1925		1925—1929	
No. of applications for tracts	15,203		12,169	
No. of members of reading club	3,167	20.8%	2,118	17.4%
No. of baptisms reported	114		140	
Amount expanded for advertising	¥10,606.10		¥ 3,695.57	
Amount expended for tracts	¥ 3 297.22		¥ 1,462.50	
Amount contributed	¥39,731.82		¥18,905.88	

With reference to the second four-year period, two facts may be noted, namely, that with 65% less spent on advertising the reduction in applicants for tracts has been only 20%, and that contributions have decreased by one half.

Statistics for the past year are as follows:

Advertisements in the Fukuoka Nichinichi	56	
Applications for free tracts (Men 2,036, Women 489)	2,525	
Persons joining the reading club (Men 311, Women 74)	385	15.25%
Books lent to reading club members	3,334	
Baptisms reported to the office	43	

Of the 2,525 applicants for tracts, 50.7% were in Fukuoka Prefecture, 30.8% in Kyushu (outside of Fukuoka Prefecture), 12.9% in Honshu, and 5.6% in Shikoku, Korea, Hokkaido, Formosa, Manchuria and China.

During the eight years, 254 baptisms have been reported to the office. We have reasons to believe that there have been many more, unreported. The 43 reported last year were distributed as follows: Lutheran 13, Methodist 8, Anglican 7, Presbyterian-Reformed 5, Holiness 3, several other churches one each, and 3 undesignated.

"Shinsei" was published to the number of 39,000 copies. The circulation was as follows: 16,000 free to inquirers, 7,400 to read-

ing club members and subscribers, and 15,200 sold to the Eisei Kwan, missionaries and others. In October, 1928, we published an enlarged "Faith-Witness Number", containing personal testimonies of about 10 earnest reading club members, who had received, or were soon to receive, baptism. Of the 8,000 copies (the usual issue is about 3,000) over 5,700 were sold to others.

In July, 1928, we enlarged our facilities for selling Bibles, hymnals, tracts, "Perry Pictures", etc. Total sales amounted to ¥600.00.

During the year two special publications were brought out. One was a complete catalog of the leading library books, containing information about our work, a list of church addresses in Kyushu, and sections advertising literature for sale. The other was a tract, "The Gospel of Health: Sun Treatment of Tuberculosis", written by Rev. E. C. Henningar. The issue was 30,000, of which Mr. Hennigar took 10,000. He found that we could publish it on better terms than the Christian Literature Society. The tract, while urging quiet faith in God, is not directly a religious tract, but the justification for its publication is found in the great number of our correspondents who are tubercular patients.

From April 1st, Mr. T. Sakane, our right hand man, was granted two years' leave of absence to enter the Lutheran Seminary for further preparation for the work. He will continue to edit "Shinsei". As his substitute Mr. Oda, a student in the literary course of the Kyushu University, was engaged.

The following figures indicate the relative Reformed and Lutheran contributions during the past three years:

Reformed Church sources	¥2,010.79	¥1,225.42	¥1,401.14
Lutheran Church sources	2,079.69	2,404.71	2,322.89

The drop in Reformed contributions three years ago is explained by the division of undesignated funds between this office and the Eisei Kwan.

The balance sheet shows that during the year the amount of ¥4 936.86, above various office receipts, was expended. There is a balance of ¥3,034.26, to which will be added the Lutheran Mission grant of $1,800.00 and about ¥600.00, expected from membership fees, interest, etc., for the work of the present year.

Respectfully submitted,

H. Kuyper, Chairman (Reformed).
D. G. M. Bach, (Lutheran).
Clarence E. Norman, Secretary.

COLONY OF MERCY REPORT.

Buildings.

We should like to be permitted to do as the children do—tell the best first: viz, the Light Brigades of America went over the top with their campaign for the Kathryn Scherer Cronk Memorial Kindergarten. We greatly rejoice in this triumphant success, both because of the enlargement of our opportunity of service, and also that such a great task has been accomplished by this young army of the Lord. The money arrived the first of April and since that time the carpenters have been working as though they were trying to make up for the delay, or that they had caught the spirit of the boys and girls who worked so hard to raise the money. We like to think, as we hear their hammers start ringing at 5:30 in the morning, that it is this latter, and as our hearts rise in thanksgiving for this fine spirit that has been manifested from the beginning of the undertaking, the thought comes to us that next is our turn in the race, and we pray that this same spirit may be relayed on down to us also, in order that the kindergarten may be run in a way that will make it a true memorial to Mrs. Cronk and her work, and a joyous investment to those who made it possible. We had set our hearts upon opening the kindergarten at the beginning of the new year in April, but fate seemed against us; now we shall do the best we can at opening it at the beginning of the second term in September. Profiting by the experience of another kindergarten, we decided to take the teacher's rooms from the upstairs in the original plan in order to be able to use the building more freely for farmers' meetings and a night reading room, so a teacherage is also being built. The baby home reported last year was completed in July and is now accommodating a quintet of babies. Rather than pay another heavy repair bill on the first, too-cheaply-built childrens' home, the committee decided to rebuild it, so we invite you to come and see that the barn has been taken out of this building even if we cannot set it up elsewhere. Experience is a rather expensive teacher but it is all the way we have to learn sometimes. Toward the financing of this undertaking we most gratefully acknowledge a Yen 500. gift raised through a concert sponsored by the women's societies of the two Kumamoto Churches. As the original idea of the infirmary was changed by circumstances, the building also had to be changed to meet the demands. A full-fledged kitchen, a dining room—play room, and an enlarged nurse's room were the

necessitated repairs; the bill for this is not yet paid if any other women's society is looking for work.

General.

Aside from our building program we seem to jog along from year to year in pretty much the same ruts: the children grow larger and start to school and others are taken in to fill their cradles,—four babies have been taken in this year; old people gradually grow weaker and pass on, and their places are taken by others,—three deaths during the year. But the most of our time is taken up with things that could as easily be read from last year's report: listening to the daily stories of how misfortune has laid her heavy hand upon lives that are already hard pressed, giving aid where possible and a little superficial comfort and advice to those that we cannot help; exhibiting our Christian curios to the idle curious and the honest learner alike; carrying on that never completed job of training on children and old people, consulting with workers, and answering those questions whose number is legion; triumphantly teaching and displaying the mountain peaks of Christian service at times, and at others dimming the view by outbreaks of overstrained patience,—but through it all, and by every member of our staff, we feel that we have come a little nearer our goal of demonstrating to those about us that Charity without which the world is but a tinkling cymbal.

Although we have been inflicted with what might be termed "divers diseases" this year,—one case each of typhoid fever, kidney stones, brain fever, and mumps, four cases of measles, two cases of erysipelas, and two badly burned, the institution as a whole has enjoyed unusually good health. However, we regret to have to report our first death among the children during the ten years of children's work. This was a nine month old baby who during his first six months had been fed and cared for by a father in the last stages of tuberculosis. At the father's death the mother and three of the six children were given a room in the rescue home and we were helping the little girl care for the baby while the mother worked to pay off the accumulated debts. The other two children and a ten year old boy, taken in November, were put in the infirmary. The latter, born in jail and, all too literally, fed by the ravens, exults in the privilege of being sick, since it means a bed to sleep in and the assurance of three meals a day. It was possible to put these in the infirmary by five of the tuberculosis patients being pronounced safe to go into the children's home. We have taken care of the largest number

of old people this year within our history,—twenty four with a waiting list. This work has also been blessed with better contentment and a renewed hope of real Christian results since our drunkard and our saint got so disgusted with each other that they kindly took their departures. Too, this department stepped out into notoriety this year. A seventy three year old man, whom the penitentiary officials thought too pitiful to be placed in jail for a small offence, was, at their request, being tested under the influence of Christianity when the policemen came and said they had a truck load of goods that he had stolen from stores in town. As he had insisted upon sleeping during every religious service and as we learned that this was his ninth term in the penitentiary we could not feel that Christianity had exactly failed. Through Mr. Kagawa's influence Nagaki San was employed for the rescue work. After long waiting and much false reporting we think everything is at last ready to re-open this work, and two cases are being handled now and the house being made ready for them. Saito San, a former Saga kindergarten teacher, was given a home for herself and baby with the idea of using her in the nursery school if she proved satisfactory.

A free clinic was opened in the village club-house one half-day each week as the Ji-Ai-En's contribution toward the community welfare. This threatened to swamp us, but by constantly advising their going to the doctor instead of coming to the institution for medical aid, we are still able to carry on, and the experiment has certainly brought us visible results in prestige. But the need is dire, and the opportunity fleeting. When one sees a young man, who has lain before a wooden god for sixty days until, two quarts of pus has collected in his hip, made a man well by helping him get into the charity ward of the hispital for a few weeks; a pneumonia patient being carried around on her mother's back at a festival; a baby nursing a mother delirious with typhoid fever while the village doctor consoles the almost frantic husband that it is only cold; when an acquaintance tells how his mother has been sick ever since the water god got mad because the fire tongs were dropped in the well; and how the fox god screamed at his wife and mother for stopping to ask for aid on their way home from a shopping trip instead of making an extra trip; when one learns as an actual fact that the people all about us are carrying their sick miles away to a man who claims to cure them by getting down on the floor mimicking the disease and who calls himself "The Living God;" when we hear that those terrible needles are stuck into the afflicted ones, and that the

hot lead balls are still being used as a cure for all diseases right up to the very gates of the institution, there comes a sickening niggardly feeling, that we must, for the sake of keeping down our expense, close, with our own hands, this door that has been thrown so wide open to us. A work that could be done now by a Christian nurse or doctor could not be accomplished by ten preachers a few years hence, is our prophetic fear.

The Silver And The Gold That Are His.

The annual gift from the government was raised from Yen 500 last year to Yen 900 this year. Last year's deficit of Yen 886 was kindly refunded by the Board. ¥350 of the remaining pledges on the missionary's residence was graciously received and tucked away toward that long cherished and much needed barn. The Christmas offerings from the churches were about the same as last year, but the Sunday School offerings have dwindled down to an almost invisible collection. We shoulder our part of this delinquency, realizing that it is impossible to get interest without information, but can we not, working together, get a little more substantial backing of this institution by the churches? Fearing that this may interfere with the self-support program is but a lack of faith, according to our humble judgment; contrarily, it will stimulate a vital interest in church work, and that is about all we need for self-support. Now that we raise our vegetables, milk, chickens and eggs it actually costs us about fifteen sen per day to feed a child. Are there not ten, twenty, or thirty men, women, or children in your congregation who could feed a child one day per month and not let it interfere with their self-support interests?

In Memoriam.

The Ji-Ai-En wishes to express its sincere regret over the loss of one whom we knew to be our most interested friend, and to record a word of appreciation of her work in and for the institution. Whatever differences of opinions there might be, and however widely separated Mrs Nielsen might be from the work, we were always confident of her vital interest in the work being carried on, and of her supporting prayers for it. The rescue work was a creation of her own mind, brought forth in answer to those piteous, brothel wails that entered her window and caused her so many sleepless nights. To that first little bundle of sores that she had nursed back to life, she added another with spinal trouble, and dignified that little backyard room, where they lived,

with the name of Lutheran Orphan Home. She knew the slums, out of which the Old Peoples' Home grew, as she knew her own home. But she was not satisfied with just the three departments; her big heart went out to those for whom we were doing nothing. Her interests were so wide that when Mr. Nielsen wrote that he would like to place a Yen 500 memorial at the Ji-Ai-En, we could not think of any of our Yen 500 needs as a memorial to such a life. Others have expressed a desire to make it something more fitting, and we felt that all who knew Mrs. Nielsen would feel the same way. What shall it be? One has suggested a church, but with the new Cronk Memorial Kindergarten that is not an immediate essential; and a non essential would not be an appropriate memorial to Mrs. Nielsen. If we can be governed by our leading in the matter we would advise the buying of a small tract of neighboring land and starting a small, model asylum for the mentally defective, as the fourth department in this Colony of Mercy,—making this fourth department the memorial.

To this proposal Mr. Nielsen most heartily agrees. There are several reasons for selecting this work: First a vivid recollection of Mrs. Nielsen's oft repeated words, "O, we must do something for these poor, benighted critters!" The sad plight of the harmless insane left to rove about the streets was a constant heartache to her. Second, the constant pounding upon the gates of the institution, and upon our hearts, by these people themselves, coupled with the feeling that when we turn them from our gates with the piteous excuse that we have no place for them, we are no better than those who laughingly stand by and watch these human beasts searching the trash boxes for peelings or lying down in a gutter to sleep. Third, we feel that there is no part of the social welfare work that needs Christian demonstration more than the care of the insane. For these reasons we feel that this would make a very appropriate memorial, but if there are other suggestions we shall be very glad to hear them.

Respectfully submitted,

MAUD and ANNIE POWLAS,
Superintendents.

TOKYO RELIEF WORK REPORT.

As I look back over this past year spent in Tokyo, and try to bring to mind the changes which have taken place during that time, I find the task almost an impossible one. The work has been new to me, and I have been more than new to the work, and so the term "change" might reasonably include almost everything that has happened since last June. However, I shall try to limit my report to those features of Tokyo Relief Work which are really changes, and which are of some importance in relation to the work itself.

By an action of the Joint Executive Committee three missionaries and two Japanese, namely Revs. J. K. Linn and E. T. Horn, and Grace Beers, and Revs. D. Honda and I. Miura, were appointed a committee to oversee the work of our two Homes in Tokyo. Mr. Horn, as Acting Superintendent of Tokyo Evangelistic Work was appointed Chairman of the Committee.

Few changes have taken place in the Old Peoples' Home during the past year. Three new people have been admitted and seven have died during the year. A new room has been added to the Home, and this, besides being used for the meetings of the old people, is also used as a Sunday School room for those children of the neighborhood who gather in the Home each Sunday morning. Thinking that by visiting other Old Peoples' Homes, and by seeing what methods others are using in caring for old people, I could best help in the work of our own Home, I visited an Old Peoples' Home in Tokyo known as the Yokufukai. This Home is under the Naimusho, and was erected some three years ago at an expense of some Yen 5,000,000. Five hundred people are cared for in the Home, and the equipment is up to date in every respect. Three physicians and twenty nurses devote all their time to the care of those who are ill, and I understand that on an average one hundred people are served in this way each day. A dietician is employed to see that proper food is served in the sick rooms, as well as to those who are not ill. Although the majority of the inmates of the Home are Buddhist, some of them are Christian. Those among the workers who are Christian are very zealous in doing personal work, and with those of the old people who have accepted Christianity, hold their own Christian services. I feel that, as a Mission, for financial reasons, we shall never be able to compete with this type of Home, but I do feel that if we wish to continue the work of our Old Peoples' Home, we must bring our equipment more up-to-date, and also secure the

services of some one who has had special training in the care of old people, and who could also supervise the preparation of their food. Such a person would not need to devote all her time to the Old Peoples' Home, and if she were made responsible for the Day Nursery in our Widows' Home, and for the instruction of those women and children in matters of personal hygiene, I feel certain that the results would be quite gratifying. We are planning to have city water put into the Home as soon as possible, and various other improvements would add greatly to the comfort of the old people. The matron of the Home, Matsunaga San, is a very sincere Christian, and an earnest worker, and I believe that the spirit of joy and happiness which prevails in the Home, can be largely traced to her influence on the old people. Many outsiders have remarked about the happy atmosphere of the Home.

As Mr. Stirewalt stated in last year's report, due to the reconstruction program of Tokyo City, it was found necessary to have the three buildings which comprise our Widow's Home, moved to new positions on the old plot of ground. Although this work was begun before Mr. Stirewalt returned to America, it was not completed until last fall. The Home, as it now stands, is divided into two sections, with a narrow street running between. On the back lot are the two buildings which are being used for dormitory purposes, while the kindergarten and day nursery building is on the front lot, facing the street. The moving of the three buildings brought some compensation in that there now is a piece of land, located on one side of the kindergarten building, available for use as a playground. We are planning to use this not only for the benefit of the sixty some children who live in the Home, but also for the kindergarten pupils. Equipment is now being put in place, and we are hoping for tangible results, not only in the pleasure of the children concerned, but also in an increased number of kindergarten pupils. We believe that with this new equipment properly installed, we shall be able to gain government recognition for our kindergarten.

At present thirty women and their sixty children are being cared for in the Home. These women are employed as servants, janitresses, scrub women in banks and similar institutions, and some few are employed by shops which specialize in crocheted or knitted articles. The question of employment is a vital one with these women, and a missionary living in or near the Home would no doubt find many an opportunity to help in finding suitable employment, as well as to assist in helping to solve the many problems which are constantly arising in connection with

the work which these women are doing.

Mr. Miura, with the assistance of four Seminary students, has, for the past two or three months, been conducting street meetings in the vicinity of the Home, and evangelistic services in the Home itself, each Sunday evening. Attendance at these services, while still rather small, has been gradually increasing, and we are hoping that the community surrounding the Home may be reached in this way. I regret very much that this year I have not been able to do more personal work among the women living in the Home. One fact has been impressed upon me over and over again during this past year, and that is that if one would do personal work of any kind among these women, one must live, if not in the Home itself, at least in the immediate vicinity. For many reasons it was impossible for me to live in Honjo this year, but I am firmly convinced that not only for the sake of the worker herself, but also for the sake of the matron and the other Japanese workers employed in the Home, such a step is more than advisable.

The Widows' Home, to my mind, is at present best described by the word "opportunity." Surrounding the Home is a large community as yet practically untouched, and the Home itself teems with opportunities for serving the inmates in both a material and a spiritual way. Will you not pray that we who are serving in Tokyo may not be "weighed in the balance and found wanting" when it comes to meeting opportunities to witness for our Saviour, Jesus Christ!

"Tis the human touch in this world that counts,
The touch of your hand and mine.
Which means far more to the fainting heart
Than shelter and bread and wine.
For shelter is gone when the night is o'er,
And bread lasts only a day,
But the touch of the hand, and the sound of the voice,
Sing on in the soul alway."

Respectfully submitted,

GRACE M. BEERS.

REPORT OF THE EVANGELISTIC COMMITTEE.

The committee had a short session at the close of last convention, and it was decided to leave the disbursement of the funds for special meetings, as heretofore, to the chairman and treasurer. As the church was at the time of the convention in the midst of its spring campaign, this report will cover work from the beginning of last year.

In consultation with the local churches, a series of meetings was planned for the spring of the year. As speakers Pastors Inadomi, Ishimatsu, Miura, Okuma and Ouchi were each allotted a number of churches. In the latter part of January these men, with the exception of Mr. Miura, met at Tochinoki, Aso for a day of prayer and preparation for this work, Mr. Bach, also being present.

Before Easter appeals were sent out to the churches as heretofore for a special Self Denial offering during Holy Week. The result was Yen 294.10 from our churches for special dendo.

In June the committee met in Tokyo together with members of the Joint Executive Committee, to draw up plans for carrying out the resolution passed by the Convention apropos the Enthronement Ceremonies. See report of the Joint Ex. Committee.

The expenses for the spring dendo were Yen 624.95, and for the fall Yen 617.34.

It is pleasing to note that in our special dendo meetings the idea of calling in preachers foreign to the Lutheran Church is losing ground, and most of our pastors welcome our own men in preference to others. In some places a group of churches has even carried on its special campaign themselves without calling in any man from another part of the church. This also is a factor, it seems to us, in the growing movement towards self-support.

Respectfully,

H. INADOMI, Chairman
D. G.M. BACH, Treasurer
D. HONDA.
S. O. THORLAKSSON.

WOMENS' WORK COMITTEE REPORT 1929.

Then saith He unto His disciples, "The harvest indeed is plenteous but the laborers are few! Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He send forth laborers into His harvest." The Lord of the Harvest has heard our prayers and we today welcome Miss Maya Winther back to our midst and also rejoice in the presence of three other new young workers eager, almost impatient, for appointment; but at the same time His voice commanding us to pray seems closer and more insistent, for as we think of these four appointments to be made urgent appeals from five new fields for women missionaries, and besides these, five furloughs are due within or at the end of the coming year. We feel not only the need to be much on our knees before these four appointments are made, but a clear challenge to pray more earnestly and faithfully, not for a budget adequate to equip the workers on the field, but for spiritual and material resources to meet the needs and demands of the harvest. Surely the supplies are still in His Hands in spite of the warnings that come and the dangers that seem to threaten.

We are happy to present to you the names of five new Japanese co-workers. One, Miss Fujie Akimoto who has just entered upon her work as evangelist in the Hakata field, having first come into contact with Christianity through our pastor in Yawata. She has graduated from Kwassui Jogakko and Kwassui's higher English department, and comes to her work eager to serve.

Isobe Sumiko San, having been trained up from childhood in our Hakata church and Sunday School, and having served one year as probation helping with the work for women and children there, entered Lambuth Bible Training School in April for three years' preparation for service.

Yoshida Hatsune San, a member of Kyushu Gakuin church, after six months' probation in the Saga kindergarten, has been admitted to the Lambuth Kindergarten Training School for three years' training.

Minemura Fusako San of the Minamata church, has also entered Lambuth Kindergarten Training School. The usual period of probation was not required of her because she is two or three years older than applicants usually are and because she is contributing half her own support.

Fukuyama Kinko San, sister of our Pastor Fukuyama, has ap-

plied for Kindergarten training and has begun to serve her probation in Saga kindergarten.

All of these girls are promising young women, and we expect much of them in the future.

Kameyama Hideko San applied for and was granted a second year of Bible study in Lambuth Bible School. The school reports that both she and Kido Sadako San, who is in her third year now, are doing good work.

We are thankful for the complete recovery from typhoid by Nonaka Misao San, who has been working in our church more than 20 years, and is at present dividing her time between the Ji Ai En and evangelistic work.

Respectfully submitted,

MARTHA B. AKARD,
Chairman.

S. S. COMMITTEE REPORT.

During the year our Sunday school committee, composed of three members from the Japanese chamber and one from the mission, met twice, besides which your member has met a number of times informally with Mr. Tsuboike, the chairman.

According to action of the last convention, Sunday, September 16th was observed as S. S. Day throughout our churches, when special offerings were taken and sent to the S. S. Committee, which the Joint Ex. Committee granted additional to our allowed budget.

From September 23rd to October 7th the three Japanese members of the Committee made a tour-visit of all our Sunday Schools, according to a definitely worked out schedule and program. The reports received from these visits, not only from the committee members themselves, but also from pastors and church members visited, were very encouraging.

A Cronk Memorial Banner was sent to the Johnstown Convention of our U. L. C. Woman's Missionary Society. You will recall that this was according to action of last year's convention, when a donation of twenty yen from a Mr. Mikuriya, a former Saga Kindergarten boy now in America, was reported for this purpose. The balance was financed by contributions from some fourteen Churches and Sunday Schools.

A S. S. tract setting forth the purpose and methods of church Sunday Schools, and especially the relation of our Lutheran S.S.'s to the Church is being prepared. A short "Bible History" is also being prepared for S. S. use and more especially as a handbook to the catechism for Confirmation instruction. Other S. S. study material is being considered, and this whole matter has been referred to our Literature Committee for cooperation.

We have decided to print and distribute among our Sunday Schools a standard Record Book, sample page of which is herewith appended.

As a committee we have agreed to submit to this convention the following recommendations for approval:

1. That in our Lutheran Church in Japan the first Sunday after Epiphany be annually observed as our S. S. Day (according to our Church Year this is the day which naturally lends itself to a special appeal for the Christian education of the young).

2. That the incoming committee be urged to consider another program of S. S. visitation by the committee members during the year, in order to follow up the work just begun.

3. That the S.S. committee be requested to investigate the advisability of purchasing S.S. lesson material in bulk from either of the existing S.S. Supply and Publication Societies for the time being, and offering same to our several S.S.'s at cost according to requests.

Respectfully submitted,

S. O. THORLAKSSON.

REPORT OF THE JOINT LITERATURE COMMITTEE

The Committee reports that a number of manuscripts have been presented to it recently, but as yet the advisability of publishing them hasn't been considered. During the year there have been no publications.

There is the sum of about ¥760.00 in the Committee's hands and some funds are due the Committee from the Evangelistic Budget, as for rent on the Nagoya chapel and the Naogata residence.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. T. WINTHER
CLARENCE E. NORMAN.

CONSTITUTION REVISION COMMITTEE REPORT.

As the Constitution adopted at last year's convention has been put into the hands of the Mission Board and has not yet been returned, the members appointed by the Mission to serve as a joint committee beg leave to report that their services have not been required so far.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. T. WINTHER
L. S. G. MILLER
JOHN K. LINN
Committee.

HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT.

Owing to the fact that the Board has stated that it is impossible to do anything for higher education at the present time, your Committee on Higher Education has not thought it advisable to try to do anything during the past year although we still feel that the subject is a very important and pressing one.

Respectfully submitted,

L. S. G. MILLER
MARTHA B. AKARD
JOHN K. LINN
Committee.

REPORT OF FURNITURE COMMITTEE.
May, 1928 to May, 1929.

The business of this Committee has been done chiefly by correspondence. A detailed account of its transactions and a financial statement will be found in the files of the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

MARION E. POTTS
Chairman.

REPORT OF PUBLICITY COMMITTEE. 1928-1929.

Your committee has endeavored to supply the "Foreign Missionary" and "Lutheran Woman's Work" with articles by our missionaries in Japan throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

AMY THOREN.
FRED HEINS.

REPORT OF THE REPRESENTATIVES ON THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF CANADIAN ACADEMY.

Were this the time and occasion to launch forth into a eulogy on the importance of the Canadian Academy to our missionary program, we would have to ask for more time than is usually allotted to the report of the mission representative on the Advisory Board of the Canadian Academy. However, we are happy to report that we have already entered upon a new era in the responsibility assumed and privileges entailed in ministering to the missionary child through adequate educational advantages on the field.

We the undersigned, have met with the Advisory Board of the Canadian Academy on December 14th, 1928 and on April 16th, 1929. At the former meeting we considered a comprehensive report, presented by the principal of the school, looking forward to the relocation and setting up of more complete equipment. This report has been circulated in the Mission, and we trust you all are acquainted therewith.

At the recent meeting we were informed that the Board of Management of the Canadian Academy had already purchased the proposed new site. We were invited to a consideration of the same and requested to make suggestions for the development and carrying out of the enlarged and new school program. The minutes of this meeting are herewith appended for reference.

In accordance with a resolution passed, and which your representatives heartily endorsed, we would herewith request our mission to consider assuming a goodly share of this new project, and to this end we recommend that this convention appeal to our Board of Foreign Missions to make a substantial appropriation to this cause.

For the management of this new property a new Board of Property Management is proposed, to consist of representatives of all contributing missions and other organizations according to schedule. The investments already made in the old equipment have been calculated with interest, according to which we are now entitled to one representative. The new Board met on April 22nd for a preliminary session to consider the proposed constitution governing the same presented by the Mission Executive of the United Church of Canada. The date for the organization meeting of this Board of Property Management has been set for May 14th.

Since our Mission is now entitled to two members on the Advisory Board and one member on the Board of Property Management of the Canadian Academy, it devolves upon this Convention to elect its representatives to serve for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

S. O. THORLAKSSON.
D. G. M. BACH.

1929 CONVENTION ACTIONS.

ACTIONS ON RECOMMENDATION OF JOINT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

(Third Session).

1. **Chiga Leave of Absence.** Voted to grant to Rev. T. Chiga a leave of absence until the end of April, 1930, with regular salary as at present for the intervening period. (J. 1)

2. **Tosu Discontinuation.** Voted for the present not to locate a resident evangelist in Tosu, but to transfer the Tosu budget to the Kurume rural evangelistic work account. (J. 2)

3. **Students Higashi and Nomura.** With reference to theological students Kikuji Higashi and Akira Nomura, who at the last Convention were for health reasons received as beneficiary students on probation for one year, it was voted to approve the report from the Seminary to the effect that both the school doctor and specialists in their respective lines had pronounced their present state of health entirely satisfactory, and so to accept both students as regular beneficiary students. (J. 3)

4. **New Theological Students.** Voted to grant beneficiary aid to the following newly admitted theological students in the following amounts and subject to the attached conditions:

Jiro Tamoto—Yen 30.00 per month.
Takeo Okamoto—Yen 25.00 per month.
Hiromu Aoyama—Yen 30.00 per month. (for one year on probation)
Atsuji Koga—Yen 10.00 per month. (for one year on probation). (J. 4)

5. **Report on Student Iseri.** Voted to receive the report of the Acting President of the Seminary with reference to the restoration of Sadayasu Iseri to his former status as a theological student, and to approve of his reinstatement as a recipient of beneficiary aid. (J. 5)

6. **Minoru Muto.** Voted to grant aid to former theological student Minoru Muto, in case of his discharge from the Tokyo Municipal Tubercular Hospital, from the time of his discharge until such time as he may be re-admitted, a period of approximately six months, at the rate of Yen 20.00 per month. (J. 6)

7. **Iwanaga to America.** Voted to approve the request of Rev.

Noriyasu Iwanaga to be allowed to go to America for study, to grant him a two year's leave of absence, together with a monthly allowance of Yen 30.00 to his family during his absence, it being understood that he shall pay his own travelling expenses, and that the expense of his study in America shall be provided for by a scholarship from Wittenberg College; it being further understood that he is to receive salary and rent until the time of his departure. (J. 7)

8. **Koizumi Request.** With reference to a request from student Koizumi, a member of the Kyoto Lutheran Church, expressing a desire to serve as a minister in our church after his graduation from Doshisha University theological department next spring, the Joint Executive Committee voted to ask the President of our Seminary to recommend to him suitable books for the study of the fundamental doctrines of our Church in preparation for the examination for prospective evangelists. (J. 8)

9. **Tokyo Church Expenses.** Voted to approve of an appropriation of not more than Yen 140. for interior painting etc. at Tokyo Church, provided the funds are available out of the balance of the current budget. (J. 9) (Fourth Session).

10. **Student's Summer Work.** With reference to requests from Yawata and Kumamoto for students for summer work it was voted to leave the matter to the incoming Joint Executive Committee. (J. 10) (Fourth Session).

11. **Kobe Church Organization.** The Kobe Church having made application, and having presented evidence which satisfied the Joint Executive Committee as to its ability to meet the requirements, it was voted to approve of its recognition as an organized church. (J. 11) (Sixth Session)

12. **Naogata Church Organization.** The Naogata Church having made application, and having presented evidence which satisfied the Joint Executive Committee as to its ability to meet the requirements, it was voted to approve of its recognition as an organized church. (J. 12) (Sixth Session).

13. **Minamata Kindergarten.** In response to an urgent request from Minamata Church for the establishment of a kindergarten and for the location of a lady missionary there, it was voted that primarily for financial reasons it is impossible at present to grant their request for the former, and that in lieu of a lady missionary to live in Minamata one of the Kumamoto ladies be asked to visit the place once a month. (J. 13)

Note: The Japanese Chamber took action urging that we

seize the opportunity offered and establish a kindergarten with all possible haste, but the Mission took no further action.
(Sixth Session).

14. **Shimonoseki Parsonage.** With reference to proposals in regard to the building of a parsonage at Shimonoseki, it was voted to ask Mr. Norman to make investigation and to refer the matter to the incoming Joint Executive Committee. (J. 14) (Sixth Session).

15. **Takashima Loan.** Voted to grant to Rev. S. Takashima a loan of Yen 150. from the Pastors' Aid Fund, same to be refunded at the rate of Yen 10. per month from July 1929. (J. 15)
(Sixth Session).

16. **Locations.** After several attempts on the part of the Mission and the Japanese Chamber to reach an agreement on the basis of proposals brought in by the Joint Executive Committee, a decision was finally reached with reference to locations, as follows:

Japanese: Revoke the action of the last Convention with reference to the exchange of Pastors H. Aoyama and K. Watanabe of Kobe and Saga respectively.

Tokyo (Ebara Church)—Evangelist K. Matsuoka.
Hakata Church—Evangelist R. Yamauchi.
Kurume (Rural Field)—Evangelist Y. Takase.
Osaka (Assistant until beginning of military service in December)—Evangelist S. Aoyama.
Nagoya (Assistant until beginning of military service in December)—Evangelist Y. Sakai.

Missionaries.

Kumamoto (Ji-Ai-En)—Miss Grace Beers.
Kumamoto (Ji-Ai-En)—Miss Mary Heltibridle.
Ogi (Evangelistic)—Miss Maya Winther.
Tokyo (Tokyo Social Service and Okubo Church)—Miss Helene Harder.

Note: These locations were made on the assumption that the furloughs of Misses Annie Powlas and Amy Thoren would be antedated from next year to this year.

Omuta—Rev. J. M. T. Winther was appointed associated missionary and asked to visit Omuta at least once a week from Kurume. (J. 16) (Sixth Session).

17. **Seminary President.** The Joint Executive Committee (C. E. Norman serving in place of John K. Linn), being unable to make a definite recommendation in regard to the Seminary Presidency,

nominated E. T. Horn and John K. Linn to be voted on by the Convention. The matter having gone through the prescribed procedure, the final result was the election of Dr. Horn, who was accordingly recommended for election by the Board of Trustees of the Seminary. (J. 17) (Sixth Session).

ACTIONS ON BASIS OF REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL REPORTS, ETC.

In Connection with Kyushu Gakuin Report.

(Fifth Session).

Kyushu Gakuin Expansion Plans. Voted that this Convention heartily approves of the Twentieth Anniversary Expansion plans and urgently requests the hearty co-operation of the Board in the realization of these plans by the time of the Anniversary Celebration. (J. 18)

In Connection with the Seminary Report.

1. **Seminary Visitation.** Voted that we commend the Seminary faculty for sending one of its members on a visitation of the churches during the past year and that we heartily recommend that it be made an annual event. (J. 19)

2. **Seminary and Congregations.** Voted that in order to further an interest in our Seminary and to bring about more intimacy between it and the congregations we recommend the Seminary authorities to invite pastors or laymen to make occasional visits, making such use of the visitors as their abilities may warrant. (J. 20)

3. **Seminary Church.** Voted that in view of the exceedingly rapid development of the immediate vicinity of our Seminary, this Convention locate a pastor to start work looking to the building up of a strong Lutheran congregation before the ground is preempted by other denominations. (J. 21)

Note: The Nenkwai, in voting its approval of the foregoing motion, included an amendment to the effect that the matter of the location of a pastor in the vicinity of the Seminary be left to the incoming Joint Executive Committee. This amendment was subsequently adopted by the Mission.

4. **Seminary Building Needs.** Voted that we with special joy call the attention of the Board to the fact that the Seminary is already crowded to its utmost capacity, hoping that means may be found to accommodate the incoming class, which in our judgment can best be done by the erection of the main building.

In Connection with the Ruteru Report.

Publication Deposit. Voted that in order to secure government permission to mention social or political subjects in the organ of our Church, the amount of deposit money needed be provided. (J. 22)

ACTIONS ON BASIS OF REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT AND NEW BUSINESS.

Recommendations from the President's report:

(Third Session).

1. **Delegates' Report.** That our delegates to the conventions of the United Lutheran Church and the Women's Conventions shall submit reports in writing to the first Annual Convention after their return to the field.

2. **Catechism Translation.** That this year, the 400th anniversary of Luther's Small Catechism, we authorize the publication of a new translation of the Small Catechism in Japanese, and request the Joint Literature Committee to take this matter under advisement. (J. 23)

3. **Tracts.** That we also request the Joint Literature Committee to consider the publication of two tracts at the earlist possible date, namely, one for unbelievers and inquirers; and the other for our new church members. (J. 24)

4. **Property Needs.** That we record our gratitude to the Board for the progress that has been made during the past decade in providing the Japan Field with church property and churches, as well as parsonages and missionary homes.

That we request the Board to further continue to make every effort to secure equipment according to the general plan outlined in the Comprehensive Policy of 1919.

That we ask the Board to focus attention upon the purchase

of land and erection of a church building in Nagoya, giving precedence to appeals for this very important and very needy field.

That subsequently attention be directed to the erection of a church building on land already owned in Omuta; and to the purchase of land and erection of chapels at Yawata and Amagi.

5. **Missionary Recruits.** Be it resolved that it is the deep and unanimous conviction of this Mission that, contrary to certain trends of current opinion in some circles, the day of the missionary has by no means passed in Japan; and we would strongly urge the Mission Board to keep this fact before the mind of the Home Church and to put forth renewed efforts to enlist men and women for work in the Japan field.

6. **Mrs. Nielsen Memorial Service.** Recommended that the Mission devote the devotional period of the Tuesday morning session to a memorial service in commemoration of the life work of Mrs. J. P. Nielsen.

7. **Cronk Memorial Kindergarten.** That we record our very hearty thanks to the Light Brigades of America for their generous gifts to the Cronk Memorial Kindergarten at the Ji-Ai-En; and that we request Mrs. C. E. Norman, in the name of the Japan Mission, to write letters to the "Lutheran Boys and Girls" and to "Lutheran Woman's Work" expressing the Mission's appreciation.

New Business:

1. **World Convention Greetings.** That the officers of the Mission be authorized to send appropriate greetings by cablegram to the Lutheran World Convention while actually in session at Copenhagen. (J. 25)

2. **Omuta Chapel.** Recommended: That the general plan for provision of means with which to build a chapel and parsonage at Omuta be approved, but that before the execution of these plans, they be submitted to the Pastor and Vestry of St. John's Lutheran Church, Charleston, provided the Board approves this proposal; and that St. John's Church, which purchased the original preaching place in Omuta as a memorial to R. G. Chisolm, be approached with reference to the plans referred to above, to ascertain whether the Church feels a desire to participate in the realization of the plans, either advancing money as a loan, or adding to the original endowment in order that a church to be known as the R. G. Chisolm Memorial, might be erected as the gift of St. John's, Charleston.

That, in addition to this action and upon its approval by the

Board, Rev. D. G. M. Bach is authorized to correspond directly with the Pastor and Vestry of St. John's Church, Charleston, in regard to the situation at Omuta. (J. 26)

3. **Kurume Independence.** Voted that we record our joyful thanksgiving upon the announcement of the Kurume Congregation of its attainment of actual self-support, and that we express our hope and confidence that this is but the first step in the direction of complete self-support and independence of the Japan Lutheran Church. (J. 27) (Fifth Session).

4. **Convention Sunday.** Voted that, in order that the Sunday of our Conventions may be a day of real blessing, the programs be made in such a way that all committee meetings and similar gatherings for business can be entirely avoided, either by extending the time for the convention a day or by beginning so early that the Sunday might be our last day, given over to the Convention Service and Communion (including the ordination service, if any), with other inspirational and devotional programs. (J. 28) (Fifth Session).

5. **Constitution Revision Committee.** In view of the necessity of further detailed and accurate study of the Proposed New Constitution, especially from the Mission side, it was voted to increase our committee membership to five to correspond with the number from the Japanese side, and to authorize our committee to make independent as well as joint study of the subject. E. T. Horn and C. E. Norman were chosen by ballot to supplement the already existing committee. (Sixth Session).

6. **Nagoya Church Lot.** Inasmuch as the urgent situation in Nagoya demands the immediate purchase of property; and inasmuch as a suitable lot is available now at a cost of $5000. with the possibility that it may be lost to us if we delay to purchase; and inasmuch as the sum of $3,300. has been secured in cash and pledges for the Nagoya Lot Fund:

It was voted that we urgently request the Board to send to Japan immediately the funds in hand for this purpose; and that we earnestly request the Board to grant the sum of $2,000. in addition to that raised for this purpose, or to sanction the loan of funds in Japan to be paid back by funds to be given by the churches of the Wartburg Synod during 1929 and 1930; and that we instruct the Joint Executive Committee to investigate the Nagoya lot situation with power to act in negotiating for the purchase of a site. (J. 29) (Sixth Session).

7. **Prayer Calendar.** Voted that one member of the Mission

with a Japanese be appointed or elected to elaborate our prayer calendar and to encourage more extensive and faithful use of it in the Church and Mission, and that such a committee be appointed annually. (J. 30) (Sixth Session).

8. **Annie Powlas Furlough.** Voted that Miss Annie Powlas' request that her furlough begin in September instead of in the summer of this year (as formerly decided) be granted.
(Sixth Session).

9. **Miss Hendrickson.** Voted that in reply to a letter from Miss Kemp regarding Miss Hendrickson, we recommend that the authorities at home ascertain whether Miss Hendrickson herself feels a definite call to missionary work in Japan; and, if they are satisfied that she has this conviction, they urge her to take courses in special Bible study at the Biblical Seminary in New York City, in preparation for her return; and, if then appointed and sent by the Board, we shall be glad to welcome her and assign her a field of work. (Seventh Session).

10. **Vote of Thanks:** During the sessions of this Convention, the out of town members of the Mission have been recipients of innumerable kindnesses on the part of our cordial hosts and hostesses in Kumamoto. Be it therefore resolved that we herewith tender a hearty vote of appreciation to our missionaries in Kumamoto for their untiring efforts for our comfort and entertainment during this Convention, and also to the Principals and Staffs of Kyushu Gakuin and Kyushu Jogakuin, to the Superintendent and Staff of the Ji-Ai-En, and to the Pastors and members of Kyushu Gakuin Church and Suido-Cho Church.
Carried by rising vote. (Seventh Session).

Nominations.

The Committee brought in recommendations as to members of committees, delegates to other bodies, etc. Their report was adopted as a whole, and has been included, together with the roll of officers, in Part 2 of these Minutes. (Fifth Session).

ACTIONS ON BASIS OF REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM, ETC.

(Third Session).

400th Anniversary Catechism. Voted that whereas the 400th anniversary of the publication of Luther's Small Catechism af-

fords a unique opportunity for the cultivation of the faith of our Church members, we recommend to the Joint Evangelistic Committee that the special services in the fall center around the explanation of our faith contained in the catechism; and furthermore we urge the individual pastors, evangelists and missionaries to conduct study groups in the catechism. (J. 31)

Sunday School Committee Recommendations. The following recommendations of the Sunday School Committee were approved as revised:

1. That in our Lutheran Church in Japan the first Sunday after Epiphany be annually observed as our Sunday School Day (according to our church year this is the day which naturally lends itself to a special appeal for the Christian education of the young).

2. That the incoming Sunday School Committee be urged to consider another program of Sunday School visitation by the Committee members during the year, in order to follow up the work just begun.

3. That the Sunday School Committee be requested to investigate the advisability of purchasing Sunday School lesson material in bulk from either of the existing Sunday School supply and publication societies for the time being, and offering same to our several Sunday Schools at actual cost. (J. 32)

Ji-Ai-En Recommendations. Voted to approve of the following recommendations based upon the Ji-Ai-En report:

1. That we approve in principle the idea of the establishment of a home for the mentally defective as a department of the Colony of Mercy.

2. That we suggest to the Ji-Ai-En Committee the deposit of the Yen 500. gift in memory of Mrs. Nielsen as a nucleus for such a purpose.

3. That the Committee be urged to give further study to this project and to endeavor to enlist the co-operation of the city and prefectural authorities and influential citizens of Kumamoto in putting it into effect.

Station Reports. Voted to approve the following recommendations with reference to the disposal of the station reports:

1. That the recommendations appended to Mr. Winther's station report be referred to the Joint Executive Committee for consideration.

2. That the report on Mr. Winther's school money be referred to the Mission Executive Committee.

3. That Mr. Heins' station report be referred to the Mission Executive Committee for further study.

4. That the station reports be turned over to the Publicity Committee for use in providing information about our work through the "Foreign Missionary" and the "Lutheran Woman's Work."

ACTIONS ON RECOMMENDATION OF MISSION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND ON MOTION FROM THE FLOOR.

(Sixth Session).

1. **Heins Motorcycle.** Voted to grant to Rev. F. W. Heins on account of motorcycle upkeep an allowance of Yen 10. per month.

2. **Kishi—Pastors' Aid Fund.** Voted that for the present the Mission continue to pay into the Pastors' Aid Fund the usual 1% of a pastor's salary on account of Rev. C. Kishi (whose church at Kurume has just become independent).

3. **Komeya Machi Property.** Voted to recommend that the Komeya Machi property at Saga be offered for sale in view of the fact that it has proved to be of little value for evangelistic purposes.

4. **Maud Powlas Leave of Absence.** Voted that Miss Maud Powlas be granted a leave of absence from her work for at least one month in the near future for rest and recuperation, and that Miss Beers be asked to take up her work at the Ji-Ai-En immediately.

5. **Miss Thoren's Furlough.** Voted that the Foreign Mission Board be requested to grant Miss Amy Thoren's furlough one year in advance for reasons to be explained in a covering letter.

6. **Pension System.** Voted that we approve in principle the proposed rules for a Pastors' Pension System, but appoint a comittee to study the details, referring the matter to the Mission Executive Committee for final action, after which they go to the Joint Executive Committe for revision or approval, it being understood that the rules go into effect from the day that they are approved by the Board.

The committee subsequently appointed consists of J. M. T. Winther, C. E. Norman, and L. S. G. Miller. (J. 33)

7. **Pension Rules—Joint Committee.** On motion from the floor, it was voted to appoint two members to co-operate with the Japanese Committee of two on Pension Rules. (Seventh Session).

John K. Linn and E. T. Horn were subsequently appointed.

8. **Canadian Academy.** Voted that the Mission receive the report of the representatives on the Advisory Board of the Canadian Academy; that we hereby appoint the Rev. S. O. Thorlaksson as our representative on the Board of Property Management; and that we urge our Board to support financially the new re-location and expansion project to the fullest extent possible.

(Seventh Session).

9. **Next Convention.** On motion from the floor, it was voted to concur in the action of the Japan Chamber with reference to the next Convention, that it be held in Tokyo, and that the question of the time of meeting be left to the incoming Joint Executive Committee. (J. 34) (Seventh Session).

ACTIONS ORIGINATING IN JAPANESE CHAMBER.

The following are actions taken by the Japanese Chamber and subsequently approved by the Mission:

1. **Nenkwai Convention Budget.** Voted to approve of the following budget on account of Convention expenses for the Japanese Chamber:

Receipts.

From the churches	Yen	179.21
From the Mission		358.41
From other sources		185.53

Expenditures.

For travel			Yen	540.77
For Board, etc				182.38
Total	Yen	723.15	Yen	723.15 (J. 35)

2. **Church Paper Budget.** Voted to approve of the following as the "Ruteru" budget for the fiscal year, July, 1929 to June, 1930:

Estimated Receipts.

From the churches	Yen	400.00
From the Mission		800.00

Estimated Expenditures.

For all purposes		Yen 1200.00
Total	Yen 1200.00	Yen 1200.00 (J. 36)

3. **Joint Evangelistic Committee.** Voted, in order to facilitate the work of the committee, that hereafter the Joint Evangelistic Committee continue in office until the end of June each year. (J.37)

4. **Letter to Copenhagen.** Voted to send in the name of the Convention an appropriate letter of greeting to our representatives at the Lutheran World Convention at Copenhagen. (J. 38)

5. **Asaji—Nenkwai Status.** With reference to the question of Prof. N. Asaji's relation to the Nenkwai, it was voted that, in view of his having graduated from one of our Seminaries in America, and in view of his being engaged as a professor in our Seminary here, we recognize him as a member of the Nenkwai, but that since he is not ordained he is regarded as an associate member. (J. 39)

The following are not complete and official actions of the Convention, but are reported here as information because of their bearing on other actions:

(a) **Kurume Recognition.** The Nenkwai voted to approve of the re-organization of the Kurume Church into a self-supporting and independent church. The Mission replied that in the adoption of Item 51 of the Joint Executive Committee's ad interim report, and indirectly in its later expression of gratification it had already approved of this action, and considered no further action necessary.

(b) **Pension Rules.** The following action was taken by the Japanese Chamber:

Voted that the set of "Rules" proposed by the Committee on a Pastors' Pension System be hereby adopted, and that the matter of any necessary corrections in wording be entrusted to a committee of two from each body (Mission and Nenkwai); said rules, when adopted, to be considered as going into effect from the time of this Convention.

This action was not approved in this form by the Mission, but it constitutes the basis on which action was taken as found

in Items 6 and 7 of the previous section (Actions on Recommendation of Mission Executive Committee and on Motion from the Floor).

(c) **S. S. Committee Consulting Members.** The Nenkwai reported that Revs. Kosaka and Yoshida had been co-opted on the Japanese side as consulting members of the Sunday School Committee.

(Note: This is in accordance with Action 24 found on page 74 of the 1927 Minutes-Mission Chamber).

JOINT MINISTERIUM MINUTES.

MEETING OF THE JOINT MINISTERIUM.

(First Session)

Friday, May 3, 1929, 8:00 P. M.

The regular annual meeting of the Joint Ministerium of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Japan was held in the Kyushu Gakuin Chapel at Kumamoto on Friday night, May 3, 1929, at 8:00 o'clock, the President of the Ministerium, the Rev. J. M. T. Winther, presiding.

The opening devotional services consisted of the singing of Hymn 437, the reading of the Epistle of Jude by Rev. Y. Yoshida, and the offering of prayer by Revs. T. Wasa and C. E. Norman.

Roll Call. Twenty-seven members responded to roll call. Four members were absent, excluding missionaries on furlough.

(Note: Names are given in the order of ministerial connection with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Japan. (a)= Absent).

	Rev. J. M. T. Winther	1898
(a)	Rev. C. K. Lippard, D. D.	1900
	Rev. T. Yonemura	1901
(a)	Rev. A. J. Stirewalt	1905
	Rev. L. S. G. Miller, D. D.	1907
	Rev. E. T. Horn, D. D.	1911
	Rev. K. Takimoto	1912
(a)	Rev. C. W. Hepner	1912
	Rev. John K. Linn	1915
	Rev. S. O. Thorlaksson	1916
	Rev. D. G. M. Bach	1916
	Rev. H. Aoyama	1917
	Rev. C. E. Norman	1917
(a)	Rev. T. Chiga	1918
	Rev. T. Wasa	1918
	Rev. I. Miura	1918
	Rev. D. Honda	1918
	Rev. G. W. Schillinger	1920
	Rev. A. C. Knudten	1920
	Rev. S. Takashima	1920

	Rev. R. Ishimatsu	1921
	Rev. N. Washiyama	1921
	Rev. T. Kawase	1921
(a)	Rev. J. Arthur Linn	1922
(a)	Rev. H. Inadomi	1922
	Rev. A. Muto	1922
	Rev. K. Watanabe	1922
	Rev. F. W. Heins	1924
(a)	Rev. S. Sato	1924
(a)	Rev. K. Kosaka	1925
	Rev. S. Okuma	1925
	Rev. T. Tsuboike	1925
	Rev. N. Iwanaga	1927
	Rev. Y. Yoshida	1928
	Rev. H. Ouchi	1928

The President having called for items of business that anyone might wish to present from the floor, the following matter was brought up:

Profs. Sato and Asaji. Acting President John K. Linn of the Theological Seminary requested a statement from the Joint Ministerium with reference to Profs. S. Sato and N. Asaji of the Seminary, giving the interpretation of the Ministerium as to whether or not Rev. Mr. Sato is in fact a member of the Ministerium, and so also a member of the Nenkwai; and as to whether or not Mr. Asaji, though not ordained, is on other grounds a member of the Nenkwai.

After some informal discussion, it was voted to postpone full discussion until a later meeting, to be held during this Convention, the exact time to be decided by the President and the two Secretaries. (Note: The officers subsequently recommended May 6th at 9:00 P.M. as a suitable time, and the Convention approved of a change in program so as to make this possible).

Candidates for Ordination. The report of the Examining Committee with reference to candidates for ordination was rendered, and on the basis of this report the following actions were taken:

1. It was voted that Evangelist Shunji Tominaga, recommended by Revs. R. Ishimatsu and D. G. M. Bach, and Evangelist Kiyoshi Hirai, recommended by Revs. T. Yonemura and A. C. Knudten, be ordained in accordance with the recommendation of the Joint Executive Committee and of the Examining Committee.

2. That Evangelist Chitose Kishi, notwithstanding his incom-

plete qualification as to length of service in our Church, be treated as a special case, in view of the fact that the church he is now serving has attained to self-support, and that he be ordained in accordance with the recommendation of the Joint Executive Committee (see Ad Interim Action 48), his provisional examination by the Examining Committee being accepted as satisfying the requirements in the case. (Note: This action was taken under proviso found in Section 103 of the Constitution).

3. That the ordination service for the three candidates mentioned above be held at the chief service on Sunday morning, May 5, 1929, at 10:00 o'clock.

At the request of the President, it was voted that in addition to the Presidents and Secretaries of the Nenkwai and the Mission, the President of the Ministerium be empowered at his discretion to appoint several others for the laying on of hands in the ordination service.

The three candidates, Messrs. Tominaga, Hirai, and Kishi were then brought in and presented to the Ministerium, and were informed of the decision to ordain them on the following Sunday.

Election of Officers. The election of officers by ballot resulted as follows:

President—Rev. T. Yonemura.

Examining Committee—

Rev. K. Takimoto.	Dr. L. S. G. Miller.
Rev. J. M. T. Winther.	Rev. H. Inadomi.

At 11:00 P.M. the Ministerium adjourned with the Lord's Prayer, and with the benediction by Rev. T. Yonemura.

MEETING OF THE JOINT MINISTERIUM

(Second Session)

Monday, May 6, 1929, 9:00 P.M.

The Ministerium was called to order by the President, and Rev. R. Ishimatsu led in prayer.

The total number responding to roll call was twenty-nine, including the three newly ordained men.

The special order of business was that carried over from the previous meeting, namely, the matter of the status of Profs. Sato and Asaji of the Seminary.

The following motion was introduced by Rev. S. Okuma:

Resolved: 1. That in case there is found to be anything lacking in the procedure with reference to Prof. Sato's transfer of his membership to our Church, the Secretaries be authorized to take steps at once to remedy the defects;

2. That our Ministerium earnestly desires the attendance of Prof. Sato at the meetings of the Ministerium and of the Nenkwai; that similarly it desires the attendance of Prof. Asaji at the meetings of the Nenkwai; and that some suitable person resident in Tokyo be designated to inform the men concerned of the import of this motion.

An amendment was proposed by Dr. E. T. Horn, as follows:

That, instead of some suitable person in Tokyo, the incoming President of the Ministerium be authorized to visit Tokyo for the purpose of conveying the action of the Ministerium in this matter.

The motion was unanimously voted as amended.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 P.M. with prayer by Rev. S. Takashima.

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR U.L.C. IN JAPAN—1928.

	Saga (1893)	Ogi (1896)	Kumamoto (1898)	Kurume (1901)	Omuta (1902)	Fukuoka (1904)	Kanezaki (1908)	Tokyo (Okubo) (1910)	Hita (1911)	Nagoya (1915)	Shimonoseki (1915)	Moji (1915)	Osaka (1917)	Amagi (1917)	Yawata (1918)	Nagata (1918)	Kobe (1919)	Kyu-ho Gakuin Church (1921)	Karatsu (1921)	Kyoto (1921)	Minamata (1921)	Tosu (1924)	Osaka (Fukushima) (1914)	Tokyo (Ebara) (1925)	Hiroshima (1928)	TOTALS
Adult Baptisms	6	3	41	17	4	0	2	18	4	4	5	1	6	3	5	7	3	87	7	10	5	0	0	1	0	218
Infant Baptisms	0	0	6	7	5	0	1	2	2	2	1	1	2	0	0	3	0	4	0	1	2	0	1	1	1	41
Accessions by Letter	0	1	5	0	2	2	0	24	0	5	0	3	1	1	1	4	2	2	3	4	2	0	7	2	5	66
Total Accessions	6	4	52	24	11	11	3	24	6	11	6	5	9	4	6	14	5	93	10	15	9	0	8	4	5	325
Loss by Death	3	0	7	2	0	0	0	4	1	0	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	26
Loss by Letter	0	0	3	5	5	3	0	1	2	0	0	8	0	0	1	5	0	0	1	6	3	0	0	2	0	46
Dismissed Otherwise	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	30
Total Losses	3	0	10	7	5	3	0	5	3	29	2	9	0	1	1	6	0	0	1	7	6	0	0	3	0	101
Gain or G.	3	4	42	17	6	8	3	19	3	—	4	-	9	3	5	8	5	93	9	8	3	0	8	1	5	244
Loss L.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	18	—	4	—	—	-	-	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	22
Present Communicants M.	9	5	51	44	24	38	5	47	14	14	11	9	29	12	29	25	13	186	5	29	12	11	8	17	1	648
T.	27	10	140	93	41	97	11	100	28	25	28	17	54	23	38	45	26	217	12	57	36	15	12	22	2	1,176
Present Non-Com.	7	8	37	33	19	6	7	9	11	4	14	1	15	1	4	12	7	37	5	2	14	0	4	5	3	265
Out-of-town Members	15	7	125	86	22	80	18	37	20	3	17	9	19	15	15	25	7	66	23	33	13	8	3	7	1	673
Adults A.	15	6	110	44	19	72	18	35	17	3	16	4	19	15	14	23	7	61	21	31	12	8	3	5	1	578
Children C.	—	1	15	42	3	8	0	2	3	0	1	5	0	0	1	2	0	5	2	2	1	0	0	2	1	95
Inactive (Special Roll)	129	12	211	82	59	1	0	40	22	0	32	39	36	3	9	16	4	88	—	5	27	0	16	0	0	831
Enrolled Memership	178	37	513	294	141	184	36	186	81	32	91	66	124	42	66	98	44	408	40	97	90	23	35	34	5	2945
A.	164	28	458	104	119	170	29	174	62	28	76	58	109	41	61	84	37	366	35	91	74	23	31	27	2	2551
C.	14	9	55	90	22	14	7	12	19	4	15	8	15	1	5	14	7	42	5	6	16	0	4	7	3	394
Confirmation No.	0	0	2	1	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	14
Av. Attendance M.	8	3	28	15	2	17	0	28	6	10	5	7	17	8	5	14	12	60	4	19	7	4	4	8	5	296 (12)
Sun. A.M. F.	13	10	59	17	4	14	0	29	16	10	8	10	11	5	3	8	6	16	7	10	14	2	3	3	4	282 (12)
(or Main Service) Total	21	13	87	32	6	31	0	57	22	20	13	17	28	13	8	22	18	76	11	29	21	6	7	11	9	578 (24)
Av. Attendance M.	3	—	14	15	8	11	0	10	7	14	5	7	8	7	8	9	—	—	3	9	8	—	4	5	—	155 (8)
Sun. P.M. T.	11	—	31	27	12	22	0	21	13	22	9	11	12	15	13	15	—	—	8	16	19	—	7	7	—	291 (15)
Av. Attendance Praver Meet	11	—	16	22	6	11	0	19	9	11	9	7	13	12	9	12	6	30	7	10	9	5	5	5	0	244 (11)
Sunday School Roll	54	93	305	120	93	318	118	325	53	60	83	169	76	70	107	159	25	107	39	129	105	36	33	64	23	2,764
Av. Attendance T.	36	68	200	60	74	180	85	250	—	40	46	95	54	37	—	56	—	78	—	76	75	26	19	51	25	—
No. S.S. Teachers	4	7	23	7	3	13	2	15	4	2	6	6	7	3	9	4	4	7	4	9	5	2	4	9	1	160
Membership Y.M.C.A.	12		15	10	—	17	—	18	—	-	—		20	12	—	18	10	190	8	23	12	-	—	14	—	379
Membership W.M.S.	13	11	30	20	15	15	—	21	-	—	15	9	18	8	—	10	10	-	16	8	23	-	—	15	-	257
Membership Y.W.C.A.	—	—	25	—	—	15	—	19		—	—	—	7	—	—	0	—	—	8	-	—	—	—		—	74
Kindergarten Pupils	27	40	—	53	—	52	-	-	—	25			—	—	—	—	-		—	-		-	—		-	197
Av. Attendance T.	21	32	—	50	-	40	—	—	—	23	—	-	-	--	—		—	-	—	—	-	—	—	—	—	166
Total Income-Church	489	189	1,197	1,248	423	1368	54	1916	322	302	613	500	691	143	361	444	266	944	174	598	931	95	165	500	6	13,939
Self-Support Fund	200	48	720	600	120	960	12	540	60	48	240	120	176	24	100	120	84	540	24	192	600	12	12	90	—	5,642
Total Expend tures	486	133	1,249	1,098	420	1468	44	1886	301	318	715	440	447	134	329	437	244	910	151	568	924	83	165	479	3	13,432
Av. Attendance Communion	23	11	63	27	18	36	11	280	16	—	11	7	31	16	9	22	13	77	12	33	20	10	13	15	0	564

ACTIONS

of the

JAPAN MISSION

of the

UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

in session at

FUKUOKA

May, 3—7, 1929

REPORT OF MISSION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The following are actions taken ad interim by the Mission Executive Committee:

1. **Bach's Ford.** That the old Ford now in Mr. Bach's use at Kumamoto be sold and the amount secured for same held to be paid towards a machine for Mr. Stirewalt's use after returning from furlough.

Also, that the automobile now being used by Mr. Stirewalt be transferred to Mr. Bach for use in Kumamoto evangelistic work, it being understood that a fair valuation be placed on Mr. Stirewalt's automobile and that if necessary to help buy a new machine Mr. Stirewalt be reimbursed to that amount when he returns from furlough.

2. **American School Board Member.** That Rev. J. K. Linn be appointed as our representative on the Board of Trustees of the American School, Tokyo. Note: By virtue of our Board's having become a supporting body, our Mission is entitled to this member on the Board of Trustees).

3. **American School Appropriation.** Voted that on the authorization of our Board as reported in the Board's letter of April 13, 1928, we request that an item of Yen 900. be included in the Mission's Budget for the year July 1st, 1928 to June 30th, 1929 as contribution for the running expenses of the American School, Tokyo, it being understood that the total of the Mission Budget already submitted to the Board for the year 1928-1929 will be increased by Yen 900.

4. **Heins—Medical.** Voted that Rev. F. W. Heins be authorized to draw on the Treasurer for the amount necessary for medical expenses connected with treatment of displacement in back.

5 **Miller—Vacation.** That Rev. L. S. G. Miller, on account of the early departure of Mary Miller for America, be permitted to leave Kumamoto about two weeks earlier than the ordinary vacation begins (about July 6th).

6. **Girls' School Home—Screens.** Voted that Yen 240. be granted from General Incidentals of the Women's Budget for the first six months of this year, as a special for screening the missionaries' residence at Kyushu Jo Gakuin.

7. **Publication Deposit.** Voted that if the budget will permit it, Yen 150. be granted from the January-June 1928 budget as a

special towards the fund to be deposited with the government for additional publication privileges.

8. **Saga Land Sale.** Voted to sell, as per recommendation of special investigating committee, 20.28 "tsubo" of land from the back corner of the Saga missionary's home lot, at a minimum price of Yen 25. per "tsubo", with the understanding that the buyer pay for the cost of a substantial brick fence to be erected by us on the new Line.

9. **Nielsens and Grays.** Voted that the Mission Secretary be authorized to send to the Nielsens and Grays suitable letters expressing the Mission's regrets on account of their resignations from work in this field.

10. **Thanks to Grays.** Voted that the Secretary be authorized to write a letter of thanks to the Grays for their contribution of the proceeds from the sale of their piano, pictures, etc. to start a fund for the Oemachi (Kumamoto) work.

11. **Miss Potts—Medical.** Voted to grant Miss Potts permission to draw on the Treasurer for the amount of necessary expenses for nose operation.

12. **Stirewalt House.** Voted that the Horns be asked to occupy the Stirewalt house upon their return to Tokyo, it being understood that this will be only during the Stirewalt's absence or pending further action in the matter.

13. **Hepner's Dental Bill.** Voted to ask Dr. Miller to draw on the Treasurer for and pay to Dr. Thompson (of Kobe) Yen 100. balance on the Hepners' dental bill.

14. **Canadian Academy.** Voted that Rev. D. G. M. Bach be designated as the Mission's second member on the Advisory Board of the Canadian Academy at Kobe. (Note: The Mission has hitherto had only one member, but was recently informed that it is entitled to two).

15. **Asagaya House Renovation.** Voted to approve of a reasonable amount of expenditure for the renovation of the interior of the Asagaya house, with the understanding that an estimate be secured and submitted to the Women's Work Committee for approval.

16. **Osaka Building Funds.** Voted to approve of a grant of Yen 1000. on account of the Osaka parsonage, in addition to what has already been approved, same to be considered as a loan and refunded out of the item for rent (cf. p. 10, 1928 minutes).

17. **Missionaries' Salaries.** Voted that, in view of the fact that

the Board's proposal in regard to the payment of missionaries' salaries on a two for one basis would work considerable hardship, at least in some cases, the Executive Committee hesitates to take ad interim action in this matter, and so requests the Board to continue the payment of salaries on the old basis until the Mission can meet in regular session.

18. **Board's Letter Items.** Voted that the Secretary reply to the Board that other items in their communication of June 9, 1928 will be taken up for consideration at the next Mission Meeting.

19. **Thorlaksson Evangelistic.** Voted to grant Rev. S. O. Thorlaksson a special allowance of Yen 200. (for literature and incidentals) on account of Kobe work.

20. **Mrs. Thorlaksson Language.** Voted to grant Mrs. Thorlaksson Yen 100. as language allowance for the coming year.

21. **Budget Readjustment.** Voted that, as the Board has not been able to grant the full amount requested, the cuts in the Mission Budget for the fiscal year July, 1928—June, 1929, as recommended by the Finance Committee . . . , amounting to Yen 4,450. be approved.

22. **Women's Work Budget.** That the Women's Work Budget for the period July—December, 1928, as submitted by the Women's Work Committee, amounting to a total of Yen 25,505.90 be approved as submitted.

23. **Ji-Ai-En Deficit.** That the Women's Missionary Society be petitioned to grant the Yen 866.40 balance of the Women's Work Budget for the period January—June 1928, to be applied to the Ji-Ai-En deficit for the same period.

24. **J. A. Linn Furlough.** That because of the physical condition of Mrs. J. A. Linn demanding surgical treatment in the near future, according to the same advice, this operation should not be performed in Japan, we recommend to our Board that the furlough of Rev. and Mrs. Linn be granted as from September, 1928 instead of as from the summer of 1929. However, as the case is very urgent and an answer from the Board cannot be received in time, it is understood that Mr. and Mrs. Linn are given permission to go ahead with preparations to sail by September 18th.

25. **Committee Substitutes.** Voted that the following appointments be made to fill the unexpired term of Rev. J. A. Linn, same to be effective from the time Mr. Linn sails for America, about the middle of September:

Member of Property Committee—Rev. C. E. Norman.
Member of Furniture Committee—Rev. G. W. Schillinger.

Member of Finance Committee—Rev. D. G. M. Bach.
Member of Auditing Committee—Rev. D. G. M. Bach.

26. **Language Students' Advisor.** That Rev. J. K. Linn be appointed as our Advisor to the members of the Mission in attendance at the Japanese Language School in Tokyo, same to continue until the time of our next Annual Convention.

27. **Linn-Miller Medical.** Voted that we approve the medical bills of Rev. J. A. Linn and family amounting to Yen 270.50 and the dental bills of Dr. L. S. G. Miller amounting to about Yen 150.

28. **Miss Winther—Language School.** Voted that Miss Maya Winther enter the Japanese Language School at Tokyo upon her arrival in Japan in September.

29. **Knudten Residence.** That we secure a house in Nagoya as a residence for the Knudtens when they return from America in November, rent to be about Yen 80. a month if necessary.

30. **Nagoya Storage.** That the Treasurer be authorized to pay for storage of Mission home property in Nagoya for about 18 months at a cost of about Yen 125.

31. **Kobe Church Lot.** Voted that we buy a tract of land of about 246 "tsubo" in Hyogo, Kobe, at a cost of about Yen 18.100. for a Church and parsonage, the location having been previously approved by the Joint Executive Committee.

32. **Schillinger Medical.** That Rev. G. W. Schillinger be authorized to draw on the Treasurer for the amount necessary for a tonsil operation on his daughter, Mary Louise. This operation has been advised by two doctors. It will involve a trip to Kobe to have the work done by Dr. Stedefeld.

33. **Winther House Repairs.** Voted that Rev. J. M. T. Winther be granted an additional Yen 200. or as much thereof as may be necessary, from the item for General Incidentals, to be used on repairs needed to make his house in Kurume as comfortable as possible.

34. **Norman—Medical.** Voted that the Treasurer be authorized to draw Yen 228.50 from the item for medical expenses in the budget to settle the account of Dr. Ikeda for medical services rendered to Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Norman and Kathryn during July and August 1928.

35. **J. A. Linn—Furlough Study.** Voted that we recommend to the Mission Board that an opportunity be given the Rev. J. A. Linn to study at some educational institution during his furlough period.

36. **Stirewalt Water Supply.** Voted that Rev. J .K. Linn be appointed to investigate, with Rev. E. T. Horn, the troubles connected with the water supply in the Stirewalt home, in which Mr. Horn is living, and to act for the Committee in working out some satisfactory methods to correct the trouble, expenses for same to be deducted from the rent payable to Mr. Stirewalt.

37. **Kurume Parsonage.** Voted that Mr. Thorlaksson as a member of the Mission Property Committee be authorized to consult with the Kurume congregation about plans and estimates for the Kurume parsonage.

38. **Horn Medical.** Voted to authorize payment of Mr. Horn's bill to St. Luke's Hospital for Dr. Ikeda's attention to Lawrence, approximately Yen 150.

39. **Cronk Kindergarten.** Voted to authorize the construction of the Cronk Memorial Kindergarten at the Ji-Ai-En.

40. **Stirewalt Water Supply.** Voted to accept the report of Messrs. Horn and Linn concerning the water supply at the Stirewalt house in Tokyo, and to authorize Mr. Norman as Mr. Stirewalt's agent to adjust the matter with him as to expense.

41. **Horn Auto Tax.** Voted that we agree to pay the tax on Mr. Horn's automobile as necessary (on the basis of Yen 317. a year) until June, at the same time urging him to attempt to get it registered tax free.

42. **Furlough Travel Budget.** Voted with reference to the Board's letter of August 2, 1928, in regard to travel to and from the field being included in the budget, that we respectfully call the attention of the Board to the difficulty of estimating this item, as frequently we do not know what persons are to return and when, and request that this matter be handled as formerly by the Board.

43. **Lutheran World Convention.** Voted: (a) That we concur in the action of the Joint Executive Committee in appointing Revs. Hajime Inadomi and C. W. Hepner as delegates representing the Japan Lutheran Church at the Lutheran World Convention at Copenhagen, Denmark, June 26, 1929.

(b) That we grant the sum of Yen 100. from the item for general incidentals in the Mission Budget towards the expenses of Mr. Inadomi on his trip through America and Europe to attend the Lutheran World Convention.

(c) That we inform the Board that Mr. Hepner's appointment was made with the expectation that his trip might be financed in connection with his return to the field in Japan.

44. **Norman Teaching.** Voted that Mr. Norman be permitted to teach two hours a week from April 1929 in the Kyushu Imperial University at Yen 75. a month, the funds to be used in the Shinseikwan work.

45. **Powlas Furlough.** Voted that in view of the facts that the furloughs of both Misses Maud and Annie Powlas are due in the summer of 1930 and that the absence of both from Ji-Ai-En at the same time would be detrimental to the work, we recommend to the Board that Miss Annie Powlas be granted her furlough in the summer of 1929.

46. **Koller Greetings.** Voted that the President and Secretary be instructed to write a letter of greetings to Dr. Koller on behalf of the Mission, and to give him a cordial invitation to visit the Japan field on his way to or from the Copenhagen Convention.

47. **Assistant to the Secretary.** Voted that Miss Grace Beers be appointed as Assistant to the Secretary until the time of the next Convention.

48. **Okubo Kindergarten.** Voted to approve of the recommendation of the Women's Work Committee to co-operate in the kindergarten work in Tokyo, and to include Yen 360. for the Okubo Church Kindergarten in the item for New Work and Workers in the 1929-1930 budget.

49. **Kyushu Gakuin Expansion.** Voted to endorse the Twentieth Anniversary Expansion Plans of the Kyushu Gakuin Zaidan, namely for the raising of Yen 60,000. (Yen 35,000. in Japan and Yen 25,000. in the United States through the Board) for the erection of a science building, library and students' recreation hall, and to recommend the same to the serious consideration of the Board.

50. **New Constitution.** Voted to concur in Action No. 54 of the Joint Executive Committee; and furthermore, because of the desirability of direct consultation with an official representative of the Board in regard to our reorganization under the proposed constitution, we respectfully urge Dr. Koller's presence at our Annual Convention, May 3-7, 1929, or as soon thereafter as the Board can arrange his visit.

51. **Schillinger House.** Voted to approve Mr. Schillinger's request for the enlargement of the study in his residence at Kumamoto, at a cost of about Yen 500. same to be financed by a special gift from the First Lutheran Church, Dayton, Ohio, and details of the plan to be subject to the approval of the Mission Property Committee.

52. **Girls' School Dormitory.** Voted to approve of the action of the Girls' School Board of Directors in connection with the erection of the second unit of the dormitory and additions to the first unit.

53. **National Christian Council.** Voted to grant the National Christian Council the sum of Yen 150. same to be applied as follows; Yen 50. to the Council's budget, and Yen 100. for the Co-operative Evangelistic Campaign.

54. **Kurume Kindergarten Balance.** Voted to grant Miss Shirk's request to be allowed to use the balance of Yen 257.23 in the Kurume Kindergarten account to make up a deficit in the Hakata Kindergarten account amounting to Yen 140. and to provide needed equipment at Kurume.

55. **Nagoya Evangelistic Work.** Voted to grant Mr. Knudten Yen 200. from the present budget for general evangelistic work in Nagoya.

56. **Oe Kindergarten.** Voted to include Yen 1500. in the budget as for Oe Kindergarten (an increase of Yen 500.) in view of the possible construction of a kindergarten building on the Shinyashiki lot in Kumamoto, it being understood that such a plan will be recommended at the Convention in May.

57. **1929-1930 Budget.** Voted to approve the Mission Budget for the year, July 1929 to June, 1930, amounting to Yen 109,500. and the Women's Work Budget for the same period, amounting to Yen 65,386., as submitted by the Finance Committee.

Note on Budget. In view of the Action No. 42 above, the missionary furlough travel allowance was taken out of the budget, but the Board is to be informed that the following will be needed on this side:

(a). For Mr. Miller and wife	Yen	2,300.
(b). For Mr. Bach and family	Yen	6,250.
Total	Yen	8,550.

For Messrs. Stirewalt, Hepner, and J. A. Linn, and their families, the Board is to be requested to estimate and add to the above amount whatever may be needed, and to approve of this as a supplementary budget (separate from the regular budget), provided the request according to Action No. 42 above is not granted.

The Board is to be informed that for the same reason an item of Yen 6000. for furlough travel has been removed from the Women's Work Budget, and requested to accord this matter similar treatment to that asked for in the case of the Mission Budget above.

58. **Hita Chapel Repairs.** Voted that the Mission Treasurer be authorized to pay out Yen 73. for special repairs (roof, windows, walls, tatami) on our Hita Chapel, same to be taken from the item for general incidentals of the Mission Budget.

59. **Mr. Weitzel—Greetings.** Voted that the Secretary of the Mission be requested to write a letter of greetings in the name of the Mission to the new Treasurer of the Board, Mr. George R. Weitzel.

60. **Canadian Academy Loan.** Voted that we sympathize with the Canadian Academy of Kobe in their financial difficulties in connection with buying land for their new plant, but that it is impossible for us to authorize a loan of Mission money in connection with their undertaking.

Note on Dates of Actions.

Actions	1-7	—By Mail, May-July, 1928.
	8-20	—Karuizawa Meeting, **July 20, 1928.**
	21-30	—By Mail, July-October, 1928
	31-36	—By Mail, October-December, 1928.
	37-57	—Kumamoto Meeting, **January 10-11, 1929.**
	58-60	—By Mail, January-March, 1929.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MISSION SESSION.

Tuesday, May 7, 1929, 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was opened with prayer by G. W. Schillinger.

Oemachi Kindergarten. Voted that we approve the transfer of the Oemachi Kindergarten (Kumamoto) to 388 Shinyashiki Machi, and its reconstruction according to the plan proposed by Mr. Bach, the same to be submitted to the Board for final approval.

The Secretary read a report from A. J. Stirewalt on the Tokyo Church property accounts, showing the total cost of land, church and parsonage to have been Yen 88,141.99; also a letter from Board Secretary Dr. Thomas with reference to parishes abroad. These were received as information.

Horn Automobile. Voted that Mr. Horn be allowed automobile tax and upkeep as per Mission rule.

Annie Powlas' Appointment. Voted that Miss Annie Powlas' appointment after furlough be made at or near the time of her

return to the field.

1930 Furloughs. It was voted to request the Board to grant the following regular furloughs which come due in the summer of 1930:

Dr. and Mrs. L. S. G. Miller.
Rev. D. G. M. Bach and family.
Misses Martha Akard, Maud Powlas, and Faith Lippard.

Board's Letter June 9, 1928. With reference to the Board's letter of June 9th, 1928, it was voted to reply (1) That we do not have sufficient information to pass an opinion of items 1 and 2; (2). That we disapprove of items 3 and 4. (Number 5 therefore falls as irrelevant).

In regard to changing the present basis of payment of missionaries' salaries to a uniform 2 for 1 basis, it was voted that it is the consensus of opinion of the Mission that the Board be requested to continue to pay missionaries' salaries on the present basis of American gold.

Adjournment.